

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

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Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

IN UNION WITH THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND
LODGES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, ACCORDING TO
THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

MARCH 11, 1874.

M.W. SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, GRAND MASTER.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 11, A.L. 5874.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of March, A.L. 5874, A.D. 1874.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON	Grand Master.
R.W. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. CHARLES G. REED	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MC CLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	" " District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED	" " District No. 5.
R.W. JOSEPH S. HOWE	" " District No. 6.
R.W. HENRY P. PERKINS	" " District No. 7.
R.W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER . . .	" " District No. 8.
R.W. GEORGE E. STACY	" " District No. 12.

R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS . . .	D. D. G. Master, District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD . . .	" " District No. 15.
R.W. EDWARD AVERY . . .	" " District No. 16.
R.W. SMITH B. HARRINGTON . . .	" " District No. 17.
R.W. JOHN WETHERBEE . . .	" " District No. 18.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN VIAL . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ATWELL F. WRIGHT . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. JAMES H. BOUVÉ, } . . .	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY A. BROWN, } . . .	
W. JOHN F. NEWTON, } . . .	
W. HENRY AUSTIN WHITNEY . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. LOVELL BICKNELL . . .	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
W. E. DANA BANCROFT, } . . .	Grand Lecturers.
W. CEPHAS BRIGHAM, } . . .	
W. CHARLES M. AVERY, } . . .	
BRO. JOHN B. RHODES . . .	as Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . . .	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT. .

R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER . . .	" " "
R.W. NEWELL A. THOMPSON . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. BRADFORD L. WALES . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . . .	" " "
R.W. ITHAMAR F. CONKEY . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . . .	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . . .	" " "
R.W. HENRY MULLIKEN . . .	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE . . .	" " "
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR . . .	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	" " "
W. HENRY G. FAY, . . .	of the Committee on Charity.
W. HENRY J. PARKER, . . .	" " "
BRO. FRANK E. JONES, . . .	" " "

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock P. M., with prayer by W. Brother Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

The Records of the Annual and Stated Communications of December, 1873, were read and approved.

The Records of the Special Communications of January 12, 1874, at Webster, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Webster Lodge; January 23, 1874, at the Grand Lodge Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, for the purpose of installing R. W. Charles A. Welch into his office of District Deputy Grand Master; and January 30, 1874, at Fairhaven, for the purpose of constituting Concordia Lodge, dedicating its hall and installing its officers, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

PAUL REVERE, North Bridgewater.	MOUNT LEBANON, Boston.
SAINT MARTIN'S, Chatham.	COLUMBIAN, Boston.
MOUNT MORIAH, Westfield.	ASHLER, Rockport.
ABERDOUR, Boston.	RURAL, Quincy.
NEWTON, Wilbraham.	MOUNT HOREB, Woburn.

Proxies were presented from

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, Shanghai, China, in favor of R. W. BRO. WILLIAM F. SALMON.

CHARLES C. DAME LODGE, Georgetown, in favor of BRO. SAMUEL F. MALBON.

REPUBLICAN LODGE, Greenfield, in favor of R. W. BRO. BOWDOIN S. PARKER.

HYDE PARK LODGE, Hyde Park, in favor of W. BRO. HENRY S. BUNTON.

NEWTON LODGE, Wilbraham, in favor of W. BRO. ALBERT S. NEWTON.

CONSTELLATION LODGE, Dedham, in favor of BRO. SANFORD CARROLL.

WILDER LODGE, Leominster, in favor of W. BRO. JOSEPH P. LOCKEY.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

Phoenix Lodge, Hanover, having returned its Dispensation, with a record of its doings while acting under authority of the same, and a copy of its By-Laws, presented a petition for a Charter, and the same was referred to the Committee on Charters.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR PHOENIX LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, bearing date February 21, 1873, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our Proceedings and our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution, empowering us with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of Phoenix Lodge, of Hanover, in the county of Plymouth, to perform all the ceremonies and discharge all the duties, at said Hanover, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

FRANCIS P. ARNOLD.
LEVI R. BUTLER.
EDWARD M. SWEENEY.

GEORGE B. OLDHAM.
ROBERT S. TALBOT.
STEPHEN W. BAILEY.

RODOLPHUS C. WATERMAN.

THOMAS B. WATERMAN.

JOHN O. FRENCH.

JOHN CUDWORTH.

L. E. CHAMBERLIN.

CHARLES F. PHILLIPS.

CALVIN T. PHILLIPS.

HIRA W. BATES.

CHARLES W. SPARRELL.

JOHN G. FISHER.

JOHN S. BARKER.

ANSON HATCH.

ISAAC G. STETSON.

ISAAC W. HOWLAND.

THOMAS H. TILDEN.

R. SYLVESTER, JR.

FRANK A. DAVIS.

J. H. COSTLEY.

MELZAR C. BAILEY.

WILLARD TORREY.

JOHN C. NASH.

EBENEZER T. FOGG.

JOSEPH H. CORTHELL.

EZEKIEL T. VINAL.

JOSEPH F. STETSON.

JOSEPH STOCKDALE.

BERNARD DAMON.

ALBERT S. GREENE.

HANOVER, March 9, 1874.

The Grand Secretary submitted the petition of Daniel T. Witherbee, of Westborough, for formal healing, and it was referred to the Committee on Healing.

The proceedings of Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, in the trial of Wells D. Meek, were presented for examination and approval, and were referred to the Committee on Trials.

The proceedings of Orange Lodge, Orange, in the trial of Horace L. Jones, were presented for examination and approval, and were referred to the Committee on Trials.

The Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to a complaint which had been submitted to him from Trinity Lodge, of Clinton, against Wilder Lodge, of Leominster, in a matter relating to jurisdiction, and suggested the propriety of referring the same to a committee, and on motion, the subject matter was referred

to R.W. Charles J. Danforth, W. Benjamin F. Atwood and W. William J. Stevens.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever submitted the following amendment to Part IV., Article III., Section 5, of the Grand Constitutions:

Strike out, in the fourth line of said Section, the words "most convenient," and insert, instead thereof, the word "nearest."

The proposed amendment was referred to R.W. Charles J. Danforth, W. Benjamin F. Atwood and W. William J. Stevens.

The roll of the Lodges was called by the W. Grand Marshal, and the following were found to be represented:

ADELPHI.	DELTA.	LAFAYETTE
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	ELEUSIS.	(Boston Highlands).
ANCIENT YORK.	ESSEX.	MASSACHUSETTS.
ARTISAN.	EUREKA.	MERIDIAN.
ATHELSTAN.	GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MERRIMACK.
ATHOL.	GERMANIA.	MIZPAH.
BAALBEC.	GOOD SAMARITAN.	MONITOR.
BELMONT.	GRECIAN.	MORNING STAR.
BETHESDA (Brighton).	HAMMATT.	MORNING SUN.
BETHESDA	HAMPDEN.	MONTACUTE.
(Valparaiso).	HYDE PARK.	MONTGOMERY.
BLACKSTONE RIVER.	IONIC (Taunton).	MOAIC.
BRISTOL.	ISAAC PARKER.	MOUNT CARMEL.
CALEB BUTLER.	JOHN CUTLER.	MOUNT HOLLIS.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	JOHN T. HEARD.	MOUNT HOREB
CHARLES C. DAME.	JOHN WARREN.	(Woburn).
CHARLES H. TITUS.	JORDAN.	MOUNT LEBANON.
COLUMBIAN.	JOSEPH WARREN.	MOUNT OLIVET.
GONSTELLATION.	KILWINNING.	MOUNT TABOR.
CORINTHIAN.	KING SOLOMON.	MOUNT TOM.
DALHOUSIE.	KONOHASSETT.	MOUNT VERNON.

NEWTON.	QUINSIGAMOND.	STAR IN THE EAST.
NORFOLK UNION.	RABONI.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
OLD COLONY.	REPUBLICAN.	STARR KING.
OLIVE BRANCH.	SAINT ANDREW'S.	TEMPLE.
ORANGE.	SAINT BERNARD.	TRINITY.
ORIENT.	SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).	UNITED BRETHREN.
ORPHAN'S HOPE.	SAINT MATTHEW'S.	WILDER.
PALESTINE.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).	WILLIAM NORTH.
PENTUCKET.	SAINT PAUL'S	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
PEQUOSSETTE.	(South Boston).	WILLIAM SUTTON.
PLYMOUTH.	SILAM.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
PUTNAM.	SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.	

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees :

ON TRIALS AND HEALING.

R.W. Bro. TRACY P. CHEEVER.
W. Bro. FREDERICK D. ELY.
W. Bro. ESTUS A. HENDERSON.

ON BY-LAWS.

R.W. Bro. WILLIAM F. SALMON.
W. Bro. JOEL SEAVERN.
W. Bro. THOMAS W. DAVIS.

ON CHARTERS,

R.W. Bro. IVORY H. POPE.
W. Bro. WILLIAM R. WILSON.
W. Bro. THOMAS WATERMAN, JR.

The Committee on Healing submitted the following :

REPORT ON THE PETITION OF ARCHIBALD MASON, OF
EAST HAMPTON, FOR FORMAL HEALING.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

March 11, 1874.

The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald Mason, of East Hampton, for formal healing,

having duly considered the facts stated in said petition, with other facts disclosed in documents on file, respectfully report :

That the petitioner, who is a resident of the town of East Hampton and within the jurisdiction of Ionic Lodge, located in said town, on two occasions, made application for the degrees in Masonry, to said Lodge, and on each occasion was rejected. In the year 1872, one year after his second application to Ionic Lodge was rejected, he made a visit to Scotland, his native country, and while there, presented a verbal application for the degrees, as he alleges, through a friend, to Renfrew County Kilwinning Lodge, No. 370, in Paisley. This Lodge accepted his application and conferred the degrees upon him, as it seems, without making any inquiry whether he had before, elsewhere, applied for the degrees. He claims that he made the application to the Lodge in Scotland in good faith, and without intent to violate the regulations of this Grand Lodge, assigning as a reason for this claim, the fact, that "the question was not asked me if I had made application elsewhere." This is, indeed, the only reason set forth in the petition, and is far from satisfactory as a ground for sustaining his claim of good faith, and the absence of any intent to violate the laws of this jurisdiction. The circumstance of his two-fold rejection by a Lodge having sole jurisdiction over him, was one of very grave significance. It carried with it certain consequences bearing upon all his future Masonic aspirations or attempts to connect himself with the Fraternity, which consequences were likely either to be definitely known, or at least to be thought of by any person of ordinary intelligence and character. When the petitioner, thus twice rejected, while merely sojourning in another country, and seeking the degrees in a Lodge of that country, discovered that that Lodge did not interest itself sufficiently to ask whether he had made a prior application, it would seem, nevertheless, to have been his imperative duty to have disclosed

to that Lodge the fact of such application, and the rejections which followed it, at least, if he desired to impress this Grand Lodge with a belief in his good faith, and the absence of intent to violate our regulations, in thus seeking and receiving the degrees.

At a regular communication of Ionic Lodge, it was unanimously voted to recommend the petition "to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge." The somewhat guarded and peculiar phraseology of this vote, may be interpreted, perhaps, as a desire on the part of the Lodge, that the petition shall be granted and the petitioner healed, or simply as a wish that the Grand Lodge shall treat the matter as favorably to the petitioner as the regulations and usages of the Fraternity will permit, on the case stated by him. Your committee believe the latter to be the correct interpretation of the vote of Ionic Lodge. For, indeed, no Lodge, by solemn vote, can be presumed to desire the formal healing of a person which it has rejected in the exercise of its loyal Masonic duty, unless he brings himself within the rule and practice of the Grand Lodge in such cases. That rule and practice, so often laid down in similar applications, is this: the petitioner must show that his irregular reception of the degrees proceeded from a pardonable ignorance of our regulations, and, of course, with no intent to violate them; that it was in good faith, and that he is at least, *prima facie*, worthy of a lawful connection with the Fraternity; or, in other words, that his error was one of *form* alone. If either of these elements be wanting, the petitioner rightfully fails in his application for healing. In the present case, from what has been already observed, the good faith of the petitioner in receiving the degrees in the Scotch Lodge, does not, in the judgment of your committee, sufficiently appear to warrant the Grand Lodge in the granting of his petition. There has, furthermore, been filed in this case a document, upon the inspec-

tion of which, at least, very grave doubts arise as to the moral fitness of the petitioner to become legitimately connected with the Fraternity. The suggestions of this document, had they been made to Ionic Lodge, might have caused its members to hesitate in the adoption of the vote before spoken of. Your committee, considering how accessible the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge often are to the eyes of the profane, do not think it wise to place upon record many statements affecting personal character, that are presented in such cases. It is enough that all documents on file, are open to the inspection of the Brethren who desire to examine them. Upon the whole case, your committee are constrained to recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

For the Committee,

TRACY P. CHEEVER, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Trials presented their

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF DALHOUSIE LODGE,
IN THE TRIAL OF WELLS D. MEEK.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 11, 1874.

The Committee on Trials, to whom was referred the record of Dalhousie Lodge, containing the proceedings of that Lodge in the trial of Wells D. Meek, December 23, 1873, have examined these proceedings, and respectfully report :

That the charge against the respondent, which was presented by Brother Horatio F. Allen, Secretary of the Lodge, embraces three points of specification, all of which are properly set forth as follows: *First.* That the respondent, at Boston, on the

twenty-third day of August, 1873, falsely made, forged and counterfeited the name of one J. J. Hayes, upon the back of a certain promissory note (a copy of which is annexed), for the payment of money, with the intent thereby to injure and defraud.

Second. That, in said Boston, on the same date, the respondent had in his possession and custody a certain promissory note, with the name of the said Hayes forged and counterfeited on the back thereof, knowing the same to be forged and counterfeited, and that he did, then and there, utter and publish the same, with intent to defraud. *Third.* That the respondent has utterly deserted his family, and left them without any visible means of support.

The respondent was duly notified to appear at the time designated for the trial, and a copy of the charges against him was left at his last known place of abode twenty-five days prior to the appointed time.

At the special communication of the Lodge on December 23, 1873, which was held for the purpose of the trial, the respondent was duly called by the Marshal, but did not appear, and Brother A. B. Underwood was appointed by the W.M. to act as counsel for the defence, Brother Emery Grover having been selected to represent the Lodge in prosecution. The testimony bearing upon the third charge, to wit, the desertion of his family, was given verbally by Brother F. C. Lyon, who was connected by marriage with the respondent. This testimony was not deemed by the Lodge sufficient to establish the truth of the allegations of this charge, and accordingly, upon this, the respondent was acquitted.

The testimony adduced in support of the first and second charges consisted of the depositions of John J. Hayes and Rufus Estabrook. These depositions were taken for use at the trial, because the deponents are not members of the Fraternity, and after sufficient notice to the respondent to be present at the taking, before the Magistrate. The depositions — the statements

in which were not contradicted or controlled by any other evidence in the case — are sufficient to establish both the first and second specifications, namely, forgery, and the uttering of a forged note with intent to defraud. One hundred and ten members of the Lodge were present at the trial, eighty of whom voted guilty on the first specification, and ninety-two guilty on the second specification. Upon the question of sentence, the record states that a large majority voted for expulsion. In this respect the record is erroneous, inasmuch as the actual number of those who voted thus should have been given. There seems to be no reason to doubt the fairness of Dalhousie Lodge in the proceedings of this trial, nor the justice of the verdict and sentence. The attention of the Grand Lodge should, however, be directed to a matter of serious import, which arises from an inspection of the record of the proceedings. It seems that the members of Dalhousie Lodge were not simply *notified*, but were *summoned* to attend at this trial; and in the summons, the requirement of the Grand Lodge, and the duty of the members in respect to a summons, were clearly stated. Nevertheless, the record of this trial shows that out of a roll of members numbering one hundred and ninety-six, *eighty-six* were absent, and only one hundred and ten present. Had all the members been in attendance, the number necessary for a conviction upon either of the specifications would have been ninety-nine. But the highest vote obtained for conviction in this case was ninety-two, on the second specification, a conviction, indeed, by a minority of the members of the Lodge. Inasmuch as it is not only the duty of all the members of the Lodge to respond to its summons, and only absence from town, or stringent necessity, furnish an excuse for disregarding it, and inasmuch as it is the clear right of the respondent, as well as of the Lodge, to have the judgment of every member applied to the case, the remarkable proportion of absentees from this trial deserves the notice

of the Grand Lodge. It is not the purpose of your committee to vindicate the wisdom of this ancient rule of the common law of Masonry in regard to the obligation of a regular summons. But when a Lodge, for the general interest of the Fraternity, as well as for its own reputation, undertakes the exercise of the high prerogative of trying a Brother, and exposing him to the shame and disgrace of expulsion, both the forms and the spirit of Masonic law should be carefully observed. Indeed, it is easy to see what mischief might arise in a doubtful case, or in a case in which the testimony should be conflicting or nicely balanced, if a minority of the actual members of a Lodge shall suffice to pronounce a verdict, while a number sufficient to constitute a majority is allowed the privilege of absence when duly summoned to appear. If, through indifference, or from any other reason not recognized by the laws of Masonry as sufficient to excuse absence, a large number of the members be permitted to disregard the summons of their Lodge, not only will the administration of its affairs be liable to fall under the control of cliques and minorities, but the safeguards and rights of respondents under charges, which may be safely committed to majorities, will fail to be maintained, and the whole Fraternity may thereby suffer reproach.

In the present case, it does not appear from the record, that any notice was taken by the W.M. of Dalhousie Lodge, or by any of its members, of the very large number of absentees who neglected the summons. Fortunately, indeed, for the cause of justice, it is altogether probable that, had all the members attended at this trial, a similar proportion of the entire Lodge would have cast a vote of guilty on the first and second specifications. This circumstance, while relieving the case of embarrassments which might have arisen in a case of doubtful evidence, by no means relieves the absent members of the Lodge from the charge of a palpable neglect of duty. What remedy

is to be applied hereafter, in cases of similar violation of duty, it will be for the wisdom of the Grand Lodge to determine, and your committee have discharged their consciences by thus bringing the subject to notice. Considering the substantial justice that appears to have been rendered by virtue of these proceedings, your committee respectfully recommend that they be confirmed.

For the Committee,

TRACY P. CHEEVER, *Chairman*.

The report was accepted, and the action of Dalhousie Lodge confirmed, whereby Wells D. Meek is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

On motion of R.W. John McClellan, five hundred dollars were appropriated for charity, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

The Committee on Trials submitted their

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF ORANGE LODGE, IN THE TRIAL OF HORACE L. JONES.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

March 11, 1874.

The Committee on Trials, to whom was referred the record of the proceedings of Orange Lodge, in the trial of Bro. Horace L. Jones, respectfully report:

That charges sufficient, both in form and substance, were preferred against Bro. Jones, and a special communication of the Lodge, for the trial of these charges, was held on the second day of February last. Evidence in support of the charges was

offered, a unanimous vote of guilty was given, and the punishment by the same vote was *expulsion*, although, whether from membership or from the rights and benefits of Masonry does not appear. The determination of this question is, however, of slight consequence, inasmuch as the whole proceedings at the trial are void and of no effect, for the want of notice to the respondent, as required by the Grand Regulations. The respondent was not present at the trial, nor does he appear by the record, either to have done or omitted anything whereby the positive requirements of the regulations was waived. Your committee, therefore, can only recommend that the judgment of Orange Lodge, in the present case, be set aside, and that a new trial of the respondent, after proper service upon him, may be had, if the Lodge shall desire such trial.

For the Committee,

TRACY P. CHEEVER, *Chairman*.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented their report, which was accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, March 11, 1874.

The Committee on By-Laws report that they have examined the amendments to the By-Laws of Newton Lodge, Wilbraham, Saint Martin's Lodge, Chatham, Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield, Aberdour Lodge, Boston, and the full code presented by Columbian Lodge, Boston, and recommend their approval.

In the By-Laws of Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, Ashler Lodge, Rockport, and Paul Revere Lodge, North Bridgewater,

the committee have made some slight changes. With these, and a description of the seal being furnished by Ashler and Paul Revere Lodges, the committee recommend their approval.

The committee also recommend the approval of the By-Laws of Hampden Lodge, Springfield, when a description of the seal is furnished.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,

For the Committee.

The Committee on Charters made report, which was adopted, and a Charter granted to Phoenix Lodge, Hanover.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

March 11, 1874.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Phoenix Lodge, of Hanover, for Charter, report :

That they have carefully examined the By-Laws and Records of said Lodge, while under Dispensation. The By-Laws contain all that is necessary for the government of the Lodge, conform to the Grand Constitutions, and are recommended for approval.

The Records, though not as carefully engrossed as is desirable, are evidently a full and true transcript of the proceedings, and show the initiation of eleven candidates during the year.

All dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee recommend that a Charter be issued as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,

For the Committee.

The Grand Master announced the death of R.W. Robert Stuart Bruns, Past Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina, on the fourteenth of February last, and read the following extract from his farewell address to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, in December last, on the occasion of resigning his office of Grand Master:

“ And now I lay down, with the office which your confidence has so long bestowed upon me, my life's work. Those of you who know me best, best know with what unswerving zeal, and with what single devotion, from the first hour of my manhood to this day, I have spent and been spent in the service of Masonry. Standing, as I do, upon that narrow span which divides time from eternity, I look back upon that portion of the first, which I fain trust will prepare me for the latter, and without any reservation can unfeignedly say, that next to the holy precepts of our divine religion, her service has best fitted me (if, save by God's mercy alone, man can be fitted) to answer with trembling hope to the declaration: ‘ Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.’ My heart's desire and prayer is, that our Order may grow in strength and unity, that our counsels may be blest with all wisdom, our officers endued with all knowledge and zeal, and our Craftsmen with every perfect gift. If my tongue falters when it would utter thanks for the large confidence and the distinguished consideration with which you have ever honored me, believe me that it is because the heart is too full for utterance. The emotions that crowd upon me in this supreme moment beggar language. I can only stammer out a heartfelt God bless you! and a solemn farewell! ”

The Grand Master stated that it afforded him great pleasure to announce to the Grand Lodge, that a satisfactory agreement had been effected between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but as no official communication had yet been received from those Grand Bodies, no action on the part of our Grand Lodge would seem to be called for to-day.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at thirty minutes past three o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest :

CHARLES H. TITUS,

Recording Grand Secretary.



Freemasons - Massachusetts - Grand Lodge.

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 10, A.L. 5874.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the tenth day of June, A.L. 5874, A.D. 1874.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON	Grand Master.
R.W. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR <i>as</i> . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. WILLIAM H. KENT	" " District No. 2.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH	" " District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED	" " District No. 5.
R.W. JOSEPH S. HOWE	" " District No. 6.
R.W. HENRY P. PERKINS	" " District No. 7.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN	" " District No. 10.

R.W. JOSEPH B. KNOX	D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.
R.W. GEORGE E. STACY	" " District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . . .	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD	" " District No. 15.
R.W. EDWARD AVERY	" " District No. 16.
R.W. JOHN WETHERBEE	" " District No. 18.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D.	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. MOSES G. LYON	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN VIAL	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ATWELL F. WRIGHT	Senior Grand Steward.
W. HENRY A. BROWN	Junior Grand Steward.
W. HENRY AUSTIN WHITNEY	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. LOVELL BICKNELL	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI	Grand Pursuivant.
W. E. DANA BANCROFT, }	Grand Lecturers.
W. CEPHAS BRIGHAM, }	
BRO. JOHN B. RHODES <i>as</i>	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	Past Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS	" " " "
R.W. REV. LUCIUS R. PAIGE	" " " "
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	" " " "
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY	" " " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R.W. DAVID W. CRAFTS	" " "
R.W. ISAAC H. WRIGHT	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	" " "
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	" " "

W. HENRY G. FAY	of the Committee on Charity.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	" " "
W. NATHANIEL GREENE	" " "
W. HENRY J. PARKER	" " "
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	" " "

R. W. ANDREW G. SMITH of the Committee on Returns.
 W. SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG " " "

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock P. M., with prayer by W. Brother Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The Record of the Quarterly Communication of March 11, 1874, was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Records of the Special Communications of March 31, 1874, at Chelsea, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Star of Bethlehem and Robert Lash Lodges; and April 9, 1874, at Hanover, for the purpose of constituting Phoenix Lodge, dedicating its hall and installing its officers, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

CHARLES A. WELCH, Maynard.	ROSWELL LEE, Springfield.
WEBSTER, Webster.	HAYDEN, Brookfield.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE, Uxbridge.	BLUE HILL, Canton.
ORIENTAL, Edgartown.	WILLIAM SUTTON, Saugus.
WINSLOW LEWIS, Boston.	MYSTIC, Pittsfield.
BLACKSTONE RIVER, Blackstone.	BAALBEC, East Boston.

A Proxy was presented from

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE, Attleborough, in favor of BRO. BENJAMIN B. KING.

The Brother was recognized accordingly.

The Grand Secretary submitted the petition of C. S. Brewster, of Attleborough, for formal healing, and it was referred to the Committee on Healing.

The proceedings of Saint John's Lodge, Boston, in the trial of Solon Thornton; of Massachusetts Lodge, Boston, in the trial of James H. Nichols; and of Bay State Lodge, Montague, in the trial of Addison D. Welch, were presented for examination and approval, and were referred to the Committee on Trials.

The amended record of the proceedings of Orange Lodge, Orange, in the trial of Horace L. Jones, were presented for examination and approval, and were referred to the Committee on Trials.

The roll of the Lodges was called by the W. Grand Marshal, and the following were found to be represented :

ABERDOUR.	CHARLES H. TITUS.	HAMMATT.
ACONCAGUA.	CHARLES RIVER.	HAMPSHIRE.
ADELPHI.	CHICOPEE.	HOWARD.
AMICABLE.	COLUMBIAN.	HYDE PARK.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	CONSTELLATION.	IONIC (Taunton).
ATHELSTAN.	CORINTHIAN.	JOHN CUTLER.
ATHOL.	DALHOUSIE.	JOHN HANCOCK.
BAALBEC.	DELTA.	JORDAN.
BELMONT.	ELIOT.	JOSEPH WARREN.
BETHESDA (Brighton).	ESSEX.	KING SOLOMON.
BETHESDA	EUREKA.	LAFAYETTE
(Valparaiso).	EZEKIEL BATES.	(Boston Highlands).
BETH-HORAN.	FAITH.	MASSACHUSETTS.
BRISTOL.	GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MIZPAH.
CALEB BUTLER.	GOLDEN FLEECE.	MONITOR.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	GOOD SAMARITAN.	MORNING STAR.
CHARLES C. DAME.	GRECIAN.	MONTACUTE.

MOUNT CARMEL.	PILGRIM.	SILOAM.
MOUNT HERMON.	PLYMOUTH.	SOCIAL HARMONY.
MOUNT LEBANON.	PUTNAM.	STARR KING.
MOUNT TABOR.	QUINSIGAMOND.	TRINITY.
MOUNT VERNON.	RABONI.	TYRIAN.
NORFOLK UNION.	REVERE.	UNITED BRETHREN.
OLD COLONY.	RISING STAR.	WASHINGTON.
OLIVE BRANCH.	RURAL.	WILDER.
ORANGE.	SAINT ANDREW'S.	WILLIAM NORTH.
ORPHAN'S HOPE.	SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).	WILLIAM SUTTON.
PACIFIC.	SAINT MATTHEW'S.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
PALESTINE.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).	WYOMING.
PENTUCKET.	SAINT PAUL'S	
PHENIX.	(South Boston).	

The Committee on Healing submitted the following

REPORT ON THE PETITION OF DANIEL T. WITHERBEE, OF WESTBOROUGH, FOR FORMAL HEALING.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

June 10, 1874.

The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel T. Witherbee, for formal healing, respectfully report:

That the petitioner received the three Degrees in Masonry in Quinsigamond Lodge, Worcester, after having been rejected in Siloam Lodge, Westborough. The circumstances attending his reception of the Degrees are fully set forth in the report of the committee on the complaint of Siloam Lodge against Quinsigamond Lodge, which may be found in the printed abstract of Proceedings of the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, in December last (pp. 128 to 138, inclusive), and require no repetition at this time. The petitioner seems to have acted in good faith, and with no intent to violate the regulations of the Grand Lodge, in his application for, and reception of, the Degrees in Quinsigamond Lodge, after his rejection by Siloam Lodge. His petition is favorably endorsed by R. W. Bro. Joseph B. Knox, District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District; by the W. M. of Quinsigamond Lodge; the W. M. and two Past Masters of Montacute Lodge; the Wardens,

Past Masters Forbes and Brigham and a majority of the members of Siloam Lodge ; and upon the principles which have governed the Grand Lodge heretofore, in similar cases, should be granted.

Your committee therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner for formal healing be granted.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
ESTUS A. HENDERSON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, the recommendation adopted, and the prayer of the petitioner, for a formal healing, granted.

The same committee submitted their report upon the petition of C. S. Brewster.

REPORT ON THE PETITION OF C. S. BREWSTER, OF ATTLEBOROUGH, FOR FORMAL HEALING.

IN THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

June 10, 1874.

The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of C. S. Brewster, of North Attleborough, for formal healing, respectfully report :

That the petitioner, in his application for healing, sets forth the following facts: Sometime in 1868 or 1869, being then a resident of Ashland, and under the jurisdiction of North Star Lodge, he made an application to that Lodge for the Degrees in Masonry, which was rejected. In the year 1871 he removed his property, and probably his residence, to Attleborough, where he made application for the degrees to Bristol Lodge in January, 1872. This application was recommended by Bro. E. R. Price, a member of Bristol Lodge, to whom the petitioner then said that he had been rejected by North Star Lodge, and inquired of Bro. Price whether that circumstance made any difference in re-

spect to his application to Bristol Lodge. This statement and inquiry were made in the presence of another member of Bristol Lodge, and he was answered by Bro. Price, that the substance and effect of the words, "I have before applied," referred only to the Lodge then receiving the application, and that a rejection by *another* Lodge made no difference with *this*. Thereupon the petitioner filled the blank with the word "never," or rather, as the petitioner thinks, the blank was filled by Bro. Price, and the petitioner signed it. This application was rejected by Bristol Lodge. Then followed another application to the same Lodge in June, 1872, which was accepted, and the petitioner received the degrees and was admitted to membership. The petitioner claims that he acted in good faith, with no knowledge of the jurisdictional laws of the Grand Lodge, and of course with no intent to violate them; and this claim seems to be confirmed by his voluntary disclosure to the two Brethren of Bristol Lodge, of the fact of his rejection by North Star Lodge. It is further confirmed by the explicit statement of Bro. Price, appended to the petition, in which the Brother very frankly and fully exonerates the petitioner from all fault in the premises, and taking to himself, exclusively, the responsibility for the construction of the words above referred to.

North Star Lodge, by a unanimous vote, attested by its seal, recommends the granting of the petitioner's request.

The construction by Bro. Price of the words of the printed application, which refer to the question whether or not the candidate has made a prior application, is so manifestly unsound, not to say ridiculous, as almost to lead your committee to doubt whether it was given in good faith, but perhaps his vehement assertion to the contrary should confirm any rising incredulity. The fact that upon two applications acted upon by Bristol Lodge, the rejection of the petitioner, in the not very remote town of Ashland, remained undiscovered, is not very creditable to the Masonic vigilance of the Lodge or the efficiency of its committee. Such looseness or recklessness in the construction of plain language, and such listlessness or inattention on the part of Lodges, in the admission of candidates, are obviously deserving the censure of the Grand Lodge. The

petitioner, in the present case, however, seems to have freed himself from any just imputations upon his conduct or motives, and your committee therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer of his petition be granted.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
E. A. HENDERSON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, the recommendation adopted, and the prayer of the petitioner, for a formal hearing, granted.

The Grand Master submitted the following documents recently received from the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and recommended that assistance, to such an amount as the condition of our Grand Lodge funds would allow, be rendered to our suffering Brethren in that State.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.
VERMILLIONVILLE, May 15, 1874.

HENRY HAMBURGER,
Senior Warden and Acting Master
of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, New Orleans, La.

DEAR SIR AND WOR. BROTHER:—Some weeks ago the Deputy Grand Master issued a circular to the different Lodges in the inundated portions of this State, calling for contributions for the relief of the many Brethren now suffering from the overflow; but it is found that the magnitude of the distress is so great as to render it impossible for the Fraternity of this jurisdiction to alleviate it; and however much I may dislike to ask assistance from abroad, yet I feel that I would be derelict in the discharge of my official duty, did I not do everything in

my power to procure relief for Brethren and their families, who are absolutely destitute, alike of money, clothing, food and medicines. It is not right that we should remain inactive whilst the children of our Brethren are crying for bread; neither is it proper for us as members of the most ancient and powerful benevolent Order on earth, to allow them to become objects of public charity if it can be avoided. I therefore hereby authorize you to appeal to the various Grand Jurisdictions of this Continent, for such assistance as they may be able and willing to extend to us. And as we were not forgetful of others in the days of our prosperity, I trust that the Almighty will not permit us to be neglected in our adversity.

The Deputy Grand Master is in the city, and will, through the District Deputy Grand Master, and Masters of Lodges, superintend the distribution of donations.

Much sickness has heretofore followed in the wake of great overflows, and will likely do so in the present case; and, at best, many of the sufferers will have to be assisted for some months, or until they can raise provisions for themselves; and, as many thousands of dollars will necessarily be required to relieve absolute want, great care must be taken that vain pride is not gratified, nor idleness encouraged, and that all funds contributed are devoted exclusively to Masonic relief.

M. E. GIRARD, *Grand Master.*

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
HALL OF LOUISIANA RELIEF LODGE NO. 1.
MAY 19, 1874.

To R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS,

Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

In compliance with the foregoing instructions from the Grand Master, I beg leave to appeal to you, and through you to the Fraternity throughout your jurisdiction, for such aid—in this our hour of distress—as you and they may be able to afford. Our Relief Lodge is now entirely destitute of means, and there is not a Lodge in this State that is not taxed to the utmost to sustain its own individual charities; and so utterly improv-

erished have our people become through epidemics, overflows; decline of business, and other causes over which we have no control, that we have no resource now left but to ask for relief from those in more prosperous and favored regions. It is the first time in the history of our State that such an appeal has been made, and I trust that, through the intercession of DIVINE PROVIDENCE, it may be the last. The few thousand dollars which we will be able to raise at home will be totally inadequate to the demands that are being and will be made upon us.

Fully one-fourth of our State is now under water,—and most of that portion will not be free for cultivation, until it is too late for any crop that will be marketable; and, the most that the occupants can expect to do, will be to raise such things as are necessary for their own consumption.

You will please direct your contributions to R. W. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

H. HAMBURGER,

S. W., and acting Master of La. Relief Lodge No. 1.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

NEW ORLEANS, May 19, 1874.

R. W. Bro.:—It was my intention to accompany the communication of the Acting W. M. of our Relief Lodge with a description of the suffering giving rise to such unusual action on the part of our Grand Lodge and the Craft in this jurisdiction, but find it almost impossible to do it justice; in lieu thereof, will add the following letter from a W. M. of one of our Lodges, one of the many communications received, as well calculated to give an approximate idea of the situation of a large number of our citizens, many of whom are members of our Fraternity:

NEW TEXAS P. O., May 7th, 1874.

James C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I write to you to-day with a sad heart, with deep foreboding for the present and future of our people in the overflowed districts; I am myself amongst the list.

We are destitute of food, clothing and medicines; without credit and almost without friends. The efforts on foot for the relief of the unfortunate are praiseworthy in the donors, but I fear from the manner in which these supplies are being distributed, many will suffer, who are unable to work or cannot find employment. Orders are issued here, by the Distributing Committee in New Orleans, to issue the supplies to those only who work on the crevasses and levees; many are not able to do this, owing to several reasons, the great distance to travel, and feeble women and children, who need protection and assistance at their homes, and cannot therefore receive supplies.

I agree that donations shall not be used to encourage idleness; but certainly the local agents here, should be good men and charitable, and allowed the privilege to discriminate. I am immediately in front of the lakeside crevasse, and have had all I can do to save my stock. I have them in little spots of ground, and have to feed them daily to save their lives. I have some corn left from last year, which I will and do distribute to those who are more in want than myself! What is the duty of every Mason in this terrible calamity? I don't see our great Order moving at all in this matter. Have they forgotten that they have *Brothers* whose little children will soon be crying from hunger, and approaching their fathers with tears in their eyes, who will be unable to render them any assistance?

We want meat and bread, old clothes and medicines, quinine more particularly. We want no luxuries, do not ask for it. I will therefore ask you, my Brother, as I know your heart is in the right place, to move in this matter for your Brothers in the swamp country, and overflowed. There are Masons, I know, who do not know where they will get something to eat for themselves and families from day to day — and will starve before they will ask for it, being too proud.

We cannot tell how long this state of affairs will last. It may last until July, and I think the chances are two to one in favor of this, as such floods as we have now do not generally pass off quickly. The longer the worse, as we will be deprived of the means of making bread for another year. Nine-tenths of our parish is under water now, and from the widening of the crevasse, the little land now uncovered will grow less daily; therefore the suffering will increase.

But we hope and pray that the water will fall in time to plant crops. I think and hope after this there will be no more jealousies and animosities existing between the North and South. Only two years ago they had their fires, when we did all we could for them, and now we have our floods of destruction, and nobly are they coming to our relief. But, my Brother, this is no idle talk, this is a big thing to handle, and every man and woman in the land will be called upon to give their mite.

I would suggest that if anything can be done through the Masonic Fraternity, that such supplies as I have mentioned be forwarded directly to the Lodges in the several parishes for distribution, and that such Lodges be allowed to render such assistance as they can to persons suffering, who are outside of the Order. But at all events, let us help our distressed *Brothers*, their *widows and children if possible*. I see the Granges are moving already, in regard to relief of their distressed, and why should our noble and ancient Order be behind such new secret institutions as this? I feel a great pride in our Order, and one which I hope to see gratified, and set an example to all minor societies that may exist, before this hand of appalling distress is taken off of us.

Do not imagine that I am writing for personal relief. I do not think God will ever let me starve, although I am deprived of many comforts and luxuries which I have been used to all my life; such as coffee, flour, etc. But these I am content to do without, and so are my loving wife and children.

But I am willing to work hard to overcome and surmount obstacles, such as we have now, and I may come to it. With kind regards, and fraternal feelings,

I remain, yours, etc.,

D. LEATHERMAN.

P. S. Since writing the foregoing, May 14th, I have received a communication from D. D. G. M. Howell S. Carter, dated 11th inst., asking the condition of the members of our Lodge, their wants and necessities, which I have replied to, and this is the first word or sound that I have heard from the key notes of our Order, and is well worthy of praise and honor to the one from whom it originates.

There is hardly a single member of our Lodge who is not overflowed, or so near it that his lands are of no service for farming purposes; our credit is all gone; our merchants write us to draw on them no more, as they are unable to help us, and that we must seek and obtain Government and other contributions which are being distributed through the overflowed districts. These supplies so far are a mere pittance; I have witnessed rations issued by our local Agent for one week, half pound of pork, three pounds of meal, three pounds of crackers; this was to a negro of course, who sat down and ate the whole of it up, before he left his seat. I have never been one who has taken the dark side in our country, since the war. But, dear sir, things, I must confess, look dark and gloomy to me, and to cap the whole, our stock in this parish have the charbon, to a fearful extent. I saw yesterday in one herd of cattle, horses and mules, one hundred

and seventy-five head, and there was not five head free from this disease.

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You will not be surprised at the long time, from the 7th to the 14th, elapsing between the commencement and close of this communication. I have been slow, trusting and doubting, watching and praying that I could write you a better picture than herein contained ; but truly I am a long way behind the mark ; the worst is not half told.

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With kind regards and fraternal feeling, and compliments to all Masons of the Grand Lodge,

I am, respectfully,

D. LEATHERMAN.

Fraternally,

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, it was unanimously

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) be appropriated towards the relief of our suffering Brethren in Louisiana.

R. W. William J. Sawin, District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, presented the following statement of the destruction of the Masonic property of Hampshire Lodge, Haydenville, and offered the accompanying resolutions which were unanimously passed :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : — When last this Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication, there was, in a thriving village in a pleasant valley among the hills of Western Massachusetts, a prosperous Lodge of Masons, occupying magnificent apartments, erected and furnished mostly through the munificence of two of the leading manufacturers of the town in which the village was located.

The rich Brussels carpeting extending through all the apartments even to the stairways, the chandelier costing nearly five hundred dollars, the illuminated G suspended in the blazing star, were but samples of all the furnishings of the Lodge, and attested that no common liberality and care had been bestowed upon it.

Hampshire Lodge, although neither old in years nor large in point of numbers, was justly the pride of the Tenth District. But alas! what changes a day may bring forth. To-day, they have only saved from the wreck the Charter, picked up some four miles away, stripped of its seal, the Tyler's Sword, and the Lodge Seal. But the Brethren are alive, and possess the indomitable will to re-construct the Lodge if possible. The Worshipful Master is present with us to-day.

On the seventeenth day of May, nature, having laid aside the robes of winter, with the dew-drops of morning upon her brow, had arrayed herself in all the beauties of spring. Peace was in the valley; happiness beamed from every countenance, and prosperity abounded; but suddenly, a cry is heard in the streets: — "To the hills! Fly to the hills! Fly to the hills for your lives! The Reservoir has broken and the floods are upon you!" Hurrying from offices, stores and workshops, the workmen rush to save the lives of their families and friends, when such a spectacle meets their vision as no language can describe.

Rushing down the valley, crashing, tumbling, roaring, comes the flood, showing a column full twenty-five feet in height, bearing before it the wreck of the two villages located in the valley above, so densely packed that none of the waters are visible, only the spray, like a cloud above, and below a whirling mass of timbers and débris.

So rapid is its approach that all thought of saving others is necessarily abandoned, and only by the greatest exertion is any one able even to save his own life.

Striking the works of Hayden, Gere & Co., they are demolished and disappear as if by magic, save the building in which was the Masonic Hall, which resists but for a moment, when that too follows, and all is gone.

Imagination cannot possibly portray the magnitude of the catastrophe which in twenty minutes' time desolated this beautiful valley, tearing up and destroying productive farms and leaving only barren rocks and huge boulders where were fertile lands; annihilating or bearing bodily away dwelling houses, stores, shops and manufactories; in many cases sweeping away the entire accumulation of years of toil; destroying the business of the entire community; burying the bruised and mangled bodies of father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife and child in the sands, or covering them beneath the piles of rubbish thirty feet deep; the few remaining buildings being transformed into charnel houses, and the inhabitants filled with mourning.

One hundred and forty-two lives and two million dollars are sacrificed to the incompetency or greed of a few men in their heedless race after wealth.

While we drop the sympathetic tear with our Brethren in their deep affliction, and especially with Bro. Jerome Hillman, who lost his wife, and Bro. Derby Kingsley, who lost his wife and two children, let us thank God that although fourteen of the Brethren were stripped of their property, yet not a member of the Lodge lost his life, and that with the exception of those of Brothers Hillman and Kingsley, the families of all were saved.

On visiting the scene of the disaster, the day following, to see what we, as Masons, could do to alleviate the suffering, I found so generous a response in the supplies being forwarded or then delivered, that I advised, while we should all contribute to the general fund, we should hold our Masonic offerings in reserve, and at the proper time come forward and refit and refurnish a new hall for the Lodge.

I informed the Worshipful Master of my decision, and at the same time requested him to inform me at once if the general relief was not ample, and we would respond without delay.

As I am this day informed that all our Brethren are now suitably provided for, I most respectfully offer the following resolutions to this Grand Lodge.

Whereas, This Grand Lodge has learned with deep regret of the great calamity which has befallen Hampshire Lodge and

its individual members, whereby their beautiful hall, furniture, records and all which they as a Lodge possessed were destroyed ; which in two instances bereft the Brothers of their families ; which has swept away the accumulations of years of toil, and which has desolated their beautiful valley, therefore

Resolved, That we tender to the Brethren of Hampshire Lodge, in this their time of deep affliction, the heartfelt sympathies of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That, acknowledging one of the fundamental principles of Masonry to be to relieve the distressed, we pledge ourselves, as members of this Grand Lodge, as members of subordinate Lodges, and as individual Masons, to render to them the necessary aid to assist in procuring and furnishing new apartments for the re-establishment of their Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to forward to Hampshire Lodge a copy of these proceedings.

On motion it was also unanimously

Voted, That a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), subject to the supervision and discretion of the M. W. Grand Master, be appropriated to the relief of our Brethren of Hampshire Lodge.

The Committee on Trials submitted the following

REPORT ON THE AMENDED RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF ORANGE LODGE IN THE TRIAL OF
HORACE L. JONES.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

June 10th, 1874.

The Committee on Trials, to whom was referred the amended record of Orange Lodge, setting forth its proceedings in the trial of Bro. Horace L. Jones, respectfully report :

That the original record in this case was presented at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, and that in said record it did not appear that any notice of the filing of the

charges or of the pendency of the trial had been served upon the respondent, or whether the sentence imposed upon him by Orange Lodge, after conviction, was from membership or from the rights and benefits of Masonry. The record now discloses the fact, accidentally omitted before, that legal and ample service *was* made in the case, and that the sentence was expulsion from the rights and benefits of Masonry. According to the first record, which thus disclosed the obvious and fatal defects alluded to, your committee could only recommend that the judgment of the Lodge should be set aside and that a new trial of the respondent might be had. Inasmuch, however, as it is now certain that the provisions of the Grand Constitutions were fully observed, not only in the preliminary steps, but in the conduct of the trial, and that by accident, alone, the real acts of the Lodge failed to be stated in the record of the proceedings, it seems to be obvious that Orange Lodge should be allowed the advantages of a full compliance with the laws and regulations of which the record at first deprived them.

Your committee therefore respectfully recommend that the vote of the Grand Lodge passed at the Quarterly Communication in March last, whereby the judgment of Orange Lodge in this case was set aside, be rescinded, and that the proceedings of the Lodge, as shown in the present view of the trial, be confirmed.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
ESTUS A. HENDERSON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, the recommendation adopted, and the action of Orange Lodge in expelling Horace L. Jones from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry confirmed.

The same Committee submitted their

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF SAINT JOHN'S LODGE,
BOSTON, IN THE TRIAL OF SOLON THORNTON.IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 10, 1874.

The Committee on Trials, to whom was referred the record of the proceedings of St. John's Lodge, Boston, in the trial of Bro. Solon Thornton, which was conducted at a Special Communication, on March 27th, 1874, having duly considered the subjects involved therein, and necessary to be reported upon at the present time, respectfully report :

That upon charges against the respondent, which have been filed with the Secretary of the Lodge and a statement of which is not required in the present posture of the case, the trial was begun at the Special Communication above referred to ; R. W. Bro. Daniel Harwood, P. M., presiding ; R. W. Bro. Edward Avery appearing as counsel for the prosecution, and Bro. F. W. Pelton for the respondent.

The charges and specifications were read, to which the respondent pleaded, "Not Guilty." After a request from the counsel for the respondent, that the first and second charges should be dismissed, which request was overruled by the presiding Master, whose decision was not appealed from by the respondent, the evidence for the prosecution was introduced ; at the conclusion of which, the respondent testified in his own behalf, and was followed by the respective counsel in a summing up of the case. Before the vote of the Lodge upon the question of the respondent's guilt was taken, his counsel claimed that a two-thirds vote of the members present was necessary for a conviction upon the charges, and this claim was denied by the counsel for the prosecution, who asserted the right of the *majority* to control in all such cases. The presiding officer ruled that a two-thirds vote was necessary to a conviction ; and thereupon the roll of the members was called, upon which it appeared that upon the *first* charge, there being 179 members in attendance, 105 voted guilty and 74 not guilty, — upon the second charge, 101 voted guilty and 78 not guilty, and upon the third charge 113 voted guilty and 66 not guilty ;

it thus appearing that under the ruling of the presiding Officer no conviction was had upon either charge.

From the ruling of the Chair, however, Bro. S. A. Stetson appealed, and moved that the record of the trial be certified to the Grand Lodge for its decision, no further action having been taken in the matter by St. John's Lodge.

The only question therefore, at this time, raised by the record in this case, is, whether the ruling of the Chair that a two-thirds vote of the members present was necessary for a conviction is or is not correct, and to that question only will the considerations to be presented by your committee refer.

To show the diversities of Masonic law and practice upon this point, we may be pardoned in directing the attention of the Grand Lodge toward the law and practice so far as they may be found in the Constitutions and decisions of Grand Lodges in the United States, or in the opinion of eminent Masonic publicists. In several of the States, the proportion of the members of a Lodge necessary to convict has been left by their Grand Lodges to be regulated by the By-Laws of the subordinate Lodges. This would seem to be about as unwise a method of regulation as could well be adopted, as it permits the single Lodge by its own By-law to make or unmake a Mason in whom the whole Fraternity may have an interest, and may lead likewise to extreme diversities of practice.

"There is no rule of action," says Mitchell, "laid down in the ancient regulations by which we are bound to be governed; it is nevertheless quite manifest, that Lodges have ever been considered at full liberty to make their own laws for the government of such cases, and true uniformity is not to be found. The By-Laws of some Lodges require a two-thirds vote to expel or suspend, and I think this practice is more general than any other. A few suspend and expel by a bare majority, and perhaps a still smaller number require a unanimous vote. We say, though, that while we think that two-thirds should concur in expelling, any other rule might be considered legal, if governed by a By-Law of the Lodge."*

*Mitchell's History of Free Masonry, Mas. Digest, Vol. 2., p. 601.

Look, in his work on Masonic Trials, says that two-thirds of all the votes *cast*, are required to convict, and Mackey, in his Principles of Masonic Law, fourth Ed., Page 324, declares that the usage has obtained of requiring two-thirds of the votes to secure conviction.

In Connecticut and Iowa, according to Lockwood's Masonic Law and Practice, Page 61, the Lodge may convict by a *majority* vote, but a vote of two-thirds is necessary for expulsion or suspension.

In New Jersey, Illinois, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Arkansas, Colorado and some other States, a two-thirds vote is requisite for suspension, expulsion or restoration, the rule as to conviction being undetermined.

In Louisiana, a *majority* only is requisite for *conviction*, while three-fourths must vote to expel — two-thirds to suspend, and a majority again to reprimand.

In Tennessee, a *majority* vote not only *convicts*, but *expels*; and Hubbard, Grand Master of Ohio and an eminent Masonic Jurist, declares emphatically that a majority vote is sufficient to suspend, expel or reprimand a Brother. He further says that "Masonry has no usage or rule requiring a two-thirds vote to expel. A *majority* vote is sufficient, and no By-Law should exist to the contrary."

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, presented in 1854, it is declared that that Grand Lodge has always held that a *majority* may expel.

Chase, in his Masonic Digest, Page 375, while collating the authorities upon this subject, expresses the opinion that "in the absence of Constitutional or *other regulations*, we should consider the following majorities as sanctioned by the best usage: for conviction on Masonic trial, expulsion, indefinite suspension, and restoration after indefinite suspension, a two-thirds vote is necessary."

This statement of the rule and practice adopted in the several States, and these opinions of learned Brethren only serve

to show the existence of wide diversities, and the absence of a settled and stable practice.

But whether the weight of authority as to the true rule to be observed in this behalf in the several States of the Union be more favorable to the two-thirds rule or the majority rule; the rule or law in this Commonwealth, and enunciated by the Grand Lodge, and by which all Masonic trials held in this jurisdiction, must be governed, is clear and unmistakeable. There is indeed no written regulation, no direction of the Constitutions prescribed. There is, however, a regulation as potent and binding, as any provision of the Constitutions could be. It is found in an uninterrupted series of decisions, ordered by the Grand Lodge as a High Court of Appeals upon all the cases of Masonic trial which have arisen in our jurisdiction, and not only bearing the weight of its controlling authority as concluding all such cases in this Commonwealth, but sustained and advocated by its leading jurists, among whom the ever lamented Bro. Moore was conspicuous in his assertion of the doctrine. The undoubted rule of Massachusetts Practice is that a *majority* vote suffices both for conviction, and for the imposition of whatever sentence a Lodge is entitled to render. Until this well-established rule shall be purposely changed by the Grand Lodge, it must stand as the law of Massachusetts.

It follows therefore, that the ruling of the Chair in the case of Solon Thornton, in respect to the number of votes necessary for conviction, was erroneous, and that upon the statement of the record, the respondent was lawfully convicted, so far as numbers are concerned, upon each of the several charges. Inasmuch as the Lodge stopped at the end of its vote upon the charges, and did not proceed to vote upon the sentence to be imposed upon the respondent, the proceedings are not complete, and any other questions relating to the trial, proper to be considered upon the completed record, are not yet open for consideration. Your committee respectfully recommend, that the Grand Lodge set aside the ruling of the presiding officer in respect to the number of members necessary to a conviction, and that the case be remanded to Saint John's Lodge for

sentence, and such other proceedings as may be necessary to complete the record.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
ESTUS A. HENDERSON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted, whereby the ruling of the presiding officer in respect to the number of members necessary to a conviction is set aside, and the case is remanded to Saint John's Lodge for sentence, and such other proceedings as may be necessary to complete the record.

• The Committee on Trials presented a very full report upon the proceedings of Massachusetts Lodge in the trial of James H. Nichols. A remonstrance, addressed to the Grand Lodge, against the approval of said trial, signed by several members of Massachusetts Lodge, was read by the Grand Master. After a lengthy discussion, a vote was reached and the proceedings were not confirmed.

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the M. W. Grand Master made report, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, June 10, 1874.

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master submit the following report :

Those recommendations contained in the address which required the action of the Grand Lodge, appear to have been promptly adopted.

The kind and thoughtful recommendation in regard to R. W. Charles W. Moore, so readily adopted by the Grand Lodge, was one of those recognitions of worth and fidelity which tend to bless and sweeten life. It was the offspring of that gentle and tender tie of brotherly love which never withholds, at the proper time, the full meed of praise to one who has well and truly performed his allotted part.

The feeling and appropriate announcement of the death of our Senior Past Grand Master R. W. George M. Randall, caused us, in the language of the deceased, to "dwell with saddened love upon the memory of those who rest from their labors," and has been fittingly supplemented by the resolutions prepared by our beloved Brother R. W. Winslow Lewis, and adopted by the Grand Lodge Dec. 30th, 1873.

Your committee invites especial attention to the suggestions of the Grand Master in regard to Masonic parades and the publication of Masonic proceedings and notices.

The dignity and high standard which seem suitable and appropriate to the real purposes and objects of the Fraternity, seeking as it does the advancement of our fellow-man by teaching the habits of obedience, self-control and sound morals, must inevitably suffer by the too frequent gratification of idle curiosity or personal vanity.

The Grand Master announces in his address the purchase of the Masonic Library of Bro. Leon Hyneman and its addition to the Library of the Grand Lodge. Your committee is aware that in order to obtain this valuable collection much time and earnest work were imposed on the Grand Master, and its subsequent arrangement received at his hands a careful superintendence which entitles him to the thanks of the Brotherhood.

But few of the Brethren at large seem to be aware of the extent and diversity of the labors devolving on the Grand Master. During the past year the Grand Master has constituted four Lodges and installed the officers, dedicated seven Masonic

Halls, laid the corner stone of one Masonic Temple, installed the officers of three Lodges, visited fourteen Lodges and attended three other Masonic gatherings. He has issued four Dispensations for new Lodges and fourteen Special Warrants to his subordinates. These constitute only his public services in behalf of the Craft, and when we call to mind the constant and innumerable demands upon him for advice and direction in the management of subordinate Lodges, for information in Masonic law and government, for the quieting of discord, in the settlement of mooted questions of jurisdiction, for the maintenance of peace, purity, harmony and honor among the Brethren, we begin to obtain a glimpse of the intricate and delicate character of his manifold duties.

To discharge these duties with dignity and fidelity, to refuse a request which ought not to be granted with that courteous firmness which never offends, and to grant a request that ought to be granted with a prompt recognition of its propriety, to settle controverted questions in that broad spirit of justice which invariably carries conviction, and to win and maintain the love and confidence of the Brethren, requires a large capacity, extended cultivation, patience, and a high sense of honor and justice. It is no part of the duty of your committee to present a eulogy upon the administration of the Grand Master, but simply to invite the attention of the Brethren to the nature and extent of the duties devolving upon him and to the satisfactory manner in which he has performed those duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD AVERY,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
ELIJAH W. BURR,

Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the amendment to the Grand Constitutions proposed at the last Quarterly Communication, made report as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF
PART IV., ARTICLE III., SECTION 5, OF THE GRAND
CONSTITUTIONS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, June 10, 1874.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition to amend *Part IV., Article III., Section 5*, of the *Grand Constitutions*, by striking out the words "*most convenient*," and inserting the word "*nearest*," respectfully report:

This is a return to the original law of the Constitutions, which was amended at the Annual Communication in December, A. L. 5860, to accommodate the convenience of candidates, giving them the option to travel a greater number of miles by railroad, or drive a less number in carriages; but since the change has proved a source of jealousy and ill-feeling to the Lodges, we recommend that the amendment be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. DANFORTH,
BENJAMIN F. ATWOOD,
WILLIAM J. STEVENS,

Committee.

The report was accepted. The M. W. Grand Master submitted the question, "Shall the proposed amendment prevail? The W. Grand Marshal, having counted the votes, reported thirty-one in the affirmative, and one in the negative. The Grand Master declared the amendment adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws made report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

BOSTON, June 10, 1874.

The Committee on By-Laws report that they have examined the amendments to the By-Laws of Blue Hill Lodge, Canton; Hayden Lodge, Brookfield; William Sutton Lodge, Saugus;

Mystic Lodge, Pittsfield; Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn; Roswell Lee Lodge, Springfield; Baalbec Lodge, East Boston; Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, and recommend their approval.

In the By-Laws of Charles A. Welch Lodge, Maynard; Webster Lodge, Webster; Rural Lodge, Quincy; Solomon's Temple Lodge, Uxbridge, and Oriental Lodge, Edgartown, the committee have made such changes as the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge have rendered necessary. With these and a description of the Seal being furnished by Webster, Rural, Solomon's Temple, and Oriental Lodges, the committee recommend their approval.

The committee also recommend the approval of the By-Laws of Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston, when a description of the Seal is furnished.

W. F. SALMON,
T. W. DAVIS,
JOEL SEAVERN,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

R.W. William T. R. Marvin moved that a committee be appointed to consider and report on the best means of preserving the Ritual from alterations, and that the Grand Master be requested to act as the chairman of that committee.

The motion prevailed, and the Grand Master appointed R.W. Brothers W. T. R. Marvin and Ivory H. Pope, and W. Bro. Horace A. Richardson.

The Grand Master, in fitting terms, announced the death of R. W. Newell A. Thompson, Past Deputy

Grand Master, and stated that he had appointed R. W. William W. Baker a committee to prepare suitable resolutions to be spread upon our Records.

R. W. Bro. Baker submitted the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R. W. NEWELL A. THOMPSON.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, June 10, 1874.

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of R. W. Newell A. Thompson has attended to that duty and respectfully begs leave to report :

Whereas by the dispensations of our Heavenly Father, which are always wise and full of tenderness and loving kindness to all the children of men, we are called upon to confront and deplore the absence of our friend and Brother Newell A. Thompson, who through the unchangeable law of nature has been translated from this to another and higher sphere ; and whereas we desire to testify our respect for his memory and our regard for his many amiable qualities and virtues ; therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge in the death of R. W. Newell A. Thompson is deprived of an estimable Brother, who for many years has endeared himself to the members of the Craft, and on whom she has conferred some of the highest honors in her gift ; honors that were always worn worthily and well.

Resolved, That though in parting with this loved Brother and courteous gentleman, our hearts are filled with sadness, yet we feel sustained and soothed as we recognize and remember his noble qualities as a man and true-hearted friend ; his zeal and attachment to this ancient Institution ; and the universal sentiment of respect for him entertained by society. We feel cheered and comforted as we consider and believe, that earth is not man's abiding place, and that as the years pass away, we shall,

one by one, be gathered to his side and join the illustrious departed of this Grand Body who have gone before.

Resolved, That the family and relatives of our deceased Brother are remembered in their sorrow, and we tender to them our kindest sympathies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. BAKER,

Committee.

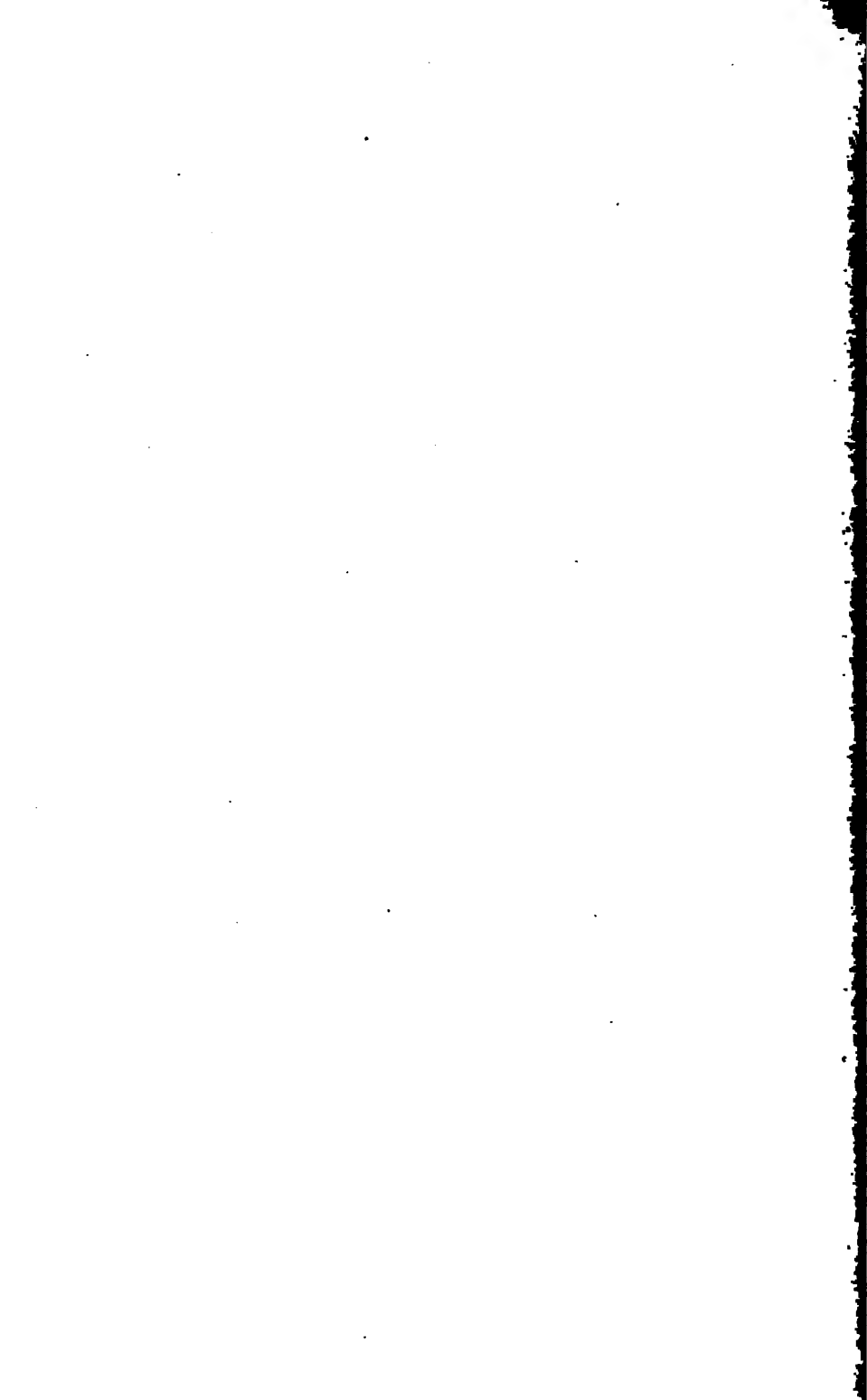
No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM at forty-five minutes past six o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered by R. W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, as Grand Chaplain.

A true abstract from the Records,

Attest :

CHARLES H. TITUS,

Recording Grand Secretary.



1874.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

SEPTEMBER 9, 1874.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 9, A.L. 5874.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the ninth day of September, A.L. 5874, A.D. 1874.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON	Grand Master.
R.W. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. CHARLES G. REED	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN McCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH	" " District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED	" " District No. 5.
R.W. JOSEPH S. HOWE	" " District No. 6.
R.W. HENRY P. PERKINS	" " District No. 7.
R.W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER	" " District No. 8.
R.W. DANIEL UPTON	" " District No. 9.

R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 10.
R.W. GEORGE E. STACY . . .	" " District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHODS . . .	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD . . .	" " District No. 15.
R.W. JOHN WETHERBEE . . .	" " District No. 18.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN VIAL . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ATWELL F. WRIGHT . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. JAMES H. BOUVÉ } . . .	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY A. BROWN, } . . .	
W. HENRY AUSTIN WHITNEY . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. E. DANA BANCROFT, } . . .	Grand Lecturers.
W. CEPHAS BRIGHAM, } . . .	
W. CHARLES M. AVERY, } . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . . .	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS	" " " "
R.W. REV. LUCIUS R. PAIGE	" " " "
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	" " " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT	" " "
R.W. ISAAC H. WRIGHT	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	" " "
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	" " "

W. HENRY G. FAY	of the Committee on Charity.
W. NATHANIEL GREENE	" " "
W. HENRY J. PARKER	" " "
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	" " "

R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH	of the Committee on Returns.
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The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock P.M., with prayer by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, and singing.

The Record of the Quarterly Communication of June 10, 1874, was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Records of the Special Communications of June 24, 1874, at Springfield, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Hampden and Roswell Lee Lodges; and July 27, 1874, at Somerville, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in that city, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of the following Lodges were presented for approval and referred to the Committee on By-Laws :

HAMPDEN, Springfield.

CHARLES C. DAME, Georgetown.

JOHN CUTLER, Abington.

ADELPHI, South Boston.

WYOMING, Melrose.

IONIC, Taunton.

OCCIDENTAL, Stockbridge.

ATHOL, Athol.

GERMANIA, Boston.

Proxies were presented from

FRATERNAL LODGE, Bridgewater, in favor of W. BRO. LUCIUS W. LOVELL.

WILDER LODGE, Leominster, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN H. LOCKEY.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The completed record of the proceedings of Saint John's Lodge, Boston, in the trial of Solon Thornton, was presented for examination and approval and referred to the Committee on Trials.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following petition of the Brethren of Crescent Lodge, U. D., for Charter, which was referred to the Committee on Charters.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR CRESCENT LODGE.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

We, the undersigned, respectfully represent that our names were attached to a petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master praying that a Dispensation be granted for a new Lodge to be located in the town of Pittsfield, in the County of Berkshire, our prayer being answered by the issuing of a Dispensation dated September 12th, 1873.

We now most respectfully petition your Most Worshipful Body to grant us a Charter of Constitution. If the prayer of this petition is granted we promise a strict conformity to the Constitutions, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

HENRY CHICKERING.
GEORGE C. DUNHAM.
HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL.
TRUMAN E. COLE.
THEODORE L. ALLEN.
JARVIS N. DUNHAM.
CHARLES D. MILLS,

JOHN C. PARKER.
HENRY EASTMAN.
GEORGE VANVALKENBURG.
CHARLES W. VAN DEMARK.
WILLIAM M. PRINCE.
CLARK F. HALL.
D. C. MUNYAN.

The Roll of the Lodges was called by the W. Grand Marshal, and the following were found to be represented :

ADELPHI.	HIRAM.	PAUL REVERE.
AMICABLE.	HYDE PARK.	PENTUCKET.
AMITY.	IONIC (Taunton).	PILGRIM.
ATHELSTAN.	ISAAC PARKER.	PLYMOUTH.
BAALBEC.	JOHN HANCOCK.	RABBONI.
BELMONT.	JORDAN.	RISING STAR.
BETHANY.	JOSEPH WARREN.	ROSWELL LEE.
BETHESDA (Brighton).	KILWINNING.	SAGGAHEW.
BLACKSTONE RIVER.	KONOHASSETT.	SAINT ANDREW'S.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	LAFAYETTE	SAINT BERNARD.
CHARLES C. DAME.	(Boston Highlands).	SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).
CHARLES H. TITUS.	LIBERTY.	SAINT MARTIN'S.
CHICOPEE.	MERRIMACK.	SAINT MATTHEW'S.
COLUMBIAN.	MONITOR.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
CONSTELLATION.	MORNING STAR.	SAINT PAUL'S
CORINTHIAN.	MONTACUTE.	(South Boston).
DELTA.	MOAIC.	SILOAM.
ELEUSIS.	MOUNT HOREB	STAR IN THE EAST.
ESSEX.	(Woburn).	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
EUREKA.	MOUNT LEBANON.	STARR KING.
FELLOWSHIP.	MOUNT VERNON.	TRINITY.
FRANKLIN.	NORTH STAR.	WASHINGTON.
FRATERNAL.	OLD COLONY.	WILDER.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	OLIVE BRANCH.	WILLIAM NORTH.
GERMANIA.	ORIENT.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
GRECIAN.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
HAMMATT.	OXFORD.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
HAMPDEN.	PALESTINE.	ZETLAND.
HENRY PRICE.	PAUL DEAN.	

The Grand Master read the following circular letter from the Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana, for the information of the Brethren ; and stated that he had delayed forwarding the amount voted by the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication as there

was, at that time, no money in the Treasury. Soon after our last meeting the mayor of New Orleans had communicated to the mayor of Boston the gratifying fact that no further contributions would be needed for the general relief fund. As this letter from the Grand Master states that no further Masonic donations will be required, the amount voted has not been forwarded.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,
THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
VERMILIONVILLE, AUGUST, 1874.

SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ.

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
F. & A. M. of Massachusetts.*

M. W. BRO.:—A few months since, a terrible calamity had befallen our people; a large portion of Louisiana, whose citizens had been gradually brought to poverty by a continual series of reverses and afflictions, were now threatened with destruction by flood and famine: the distress that followed was so appalling and so general, that our own resources would have been as nothing to relieve the sufferings of our Brothers in the hour of danger from hunger and consequent sickness.

The noble benevolence of the Masonic Fraternity, and the promptitude with which their offerings were laid at once upon the altar of our common Brotherhood, has relieved the sufferings, and averted the gloomy result that for a time stared us in the face: that of our Brothers and their families perishing in the agonies of famine, unless relieved by public charity, which could not be relied upon with certainty.

Thanks be to God, through our own Brothers, we are now relieved from any further apprehension—the danger is overcome—and we are not in need of any further assistance.

Rest assured that the Masons of Louisiana, more especially those whose necessities were so quickly relieved from the bounties that have been extended to us, will ever bear in grateful remembrance the timely assistance and the hearty good

will and expressions of sympathy and Brotherly love, that accompanied the gifts in the hour of our want and distress.

May God in his infinite wisdom and mercy spare you, M. W. Bro. and yours, from such a fearful trial and heart-rending affliction.

Most truly and fraternally yours.

M. E. GIRARD, *Grand Master Louisiana.*

ATTEST:

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Master stated that it afforded him much pleasure to announce to the Grand Lodge that since our last Quarterly Communication the portraits of Past Grand Masters John Dixwell, John Abbot and William Sewall Gardner had been presented to the Grand Lodge, and now enriched our Grand Lodge Hall.

That of R. W. John Dixwell, who was Grand Master from December 27, 1820, to December 27, 1823, was presented by his son George B. Dixwell, Esq.

That of R. W. John Abbot, who was Grand Master from December 27, 1823, to December 27, 1826; and again from December 27, 1833, to February 11, 1835, was presented by Brethren of John Abbot Lodge and others, of Somerville, as set forth in the following letter from W. Bro. John Viall, Junior Grand Deacon:

SOMERVILLE, Sept. 2, 1874.

Sereno Dwight Nickerson, Esq.

DEAR SIR and M. W. BROTHER:—

I have the pleasure to present through you to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the portrait of our R. W. Past Grand Master John Abbot. Distinguished for his firmness and skill in conducting the affairs of the Grand Lodge through that

perilous period of her history, the anti-Masonic furor of 1824, 1825 and 1826, and after the tide had somewhat subsided, in 1834, again presiding over its destinies, with consummate ability, and the added weight of his high character; ever watchful of her great and varied interests, charitable in the largest sense, urbane in his intercourse with the Craft, he gave the strength of his pure name and life for their advancement. May those who shall come after him emulate his virtues, and leave a record as pure and unsullied, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge ever point to him with pride as one of the brightest lights in her constellation of worthies.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN VIALI, *P. M.*

P. S. The following named Brethren have assisted me in this work:

THOMAS H. LORD, P. M.	JOHN S. BUTLER.
CHAS. H. DELANO, P. M.	EDWARD S. CONANT.
H. P. HEMENWAY, P. M.	CHAS. G. POPE.
DANIEL E. CHASE, P. M.	AARON SARGENT.
HENRY F. WOODS, P. M.	S. S. WOODCOCK.
CHAS. F. KING, P. M.	C. E. RYMES.
SELWIN Z. BOWMAN, P. M.	ABBOTT K. TIMSON.
FRANK S. HARTSHORN, W. M.	S. C. LUND.
ENOCH R. MORSE, S. W.	A. E. SOUTHWORTH.
CHAS. H. TAYLOR, J. W.	CHAS. E. GILMAN.
REUBEN E. DEMMON, T.	SAML. W. WRIGHT.
GEORGE L. BAXTER, S.	V. L. LOMBARD.
ALBRO R. JENNESS, S. D.	THOMAS L. FENN.
CHAS. J. RICHARDSON, J. D.	C. T. JOHNSON.
GEO. O. BRASTOW, M.	EMERY H. MUNROE.
CYRUS F. CROSBY.	OREN S. KNAPP.
JOHN F. AYER.	A. J. BARNES.
SEARS CONDIT.	A. M. SIBLEY.
H. M. BEALS.	WM. WATSON.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.	THOS. YOUNG, JR.
HORACE HASKINS.	AUSTIN BELKNAP.
JOHN F. NICKERSON.	L. P. HOLLANDER.
CHAS. H. CRANE.	WM. F. SANBORN.
WM. W. DOW.	CHAS. F. ROBINSON.
D. F. HULSMAN.	M. K. NORWOOD.

CAPT. EDMUND BURKE, (of Bark E. E. MELVIN.

Fredonia fame).

F. H. RAYMOND.

ROBERT A. VINAL.

The portrait of R. W. William Sewall Gardner, who was Grand Master from December 29, 1868, to December 27, 1871, was presented by the Brethren of the four Lodges in Lowell, as set forth in the following letter :

LOWELL, MASS., Sept. 9th, 1874.

*To the M. W. Grand Master and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.*

BRETHREN :—The undersigned, MASTERS of the four Lodges in this city, in behalf of the MASONIC FRATERNITY of LOWELL, do hereby most cordially and fraternally present to you this portrait of R. W. BRO. WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, as an expression of our appreciation of his zealous efforts in promoting the interests of the Order here, and also as a token of our personal esteem and friendship for him as a Brother.

The MASONS of LOWELL are fully aware that the prosperity of the Craft in this section of the Jurisdiction, is owing in a great degree to the intellectual and executive ability contributed by him to this service, and they take this means of professing their acknowledgments of the same, by requesting that this gift may be accepted by the GRAND BODY, and placed in an appropriate position with the portraits of others, whose faithful exertions have reflected honor upon the Institution of FREEMASONRY in the STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Most Respectfully,

OLIVER OBER,

NATH'L C. SANBORN,

SOLON W. STEVENS,

WM. E. LIVINGSTON,

W. M. Pentucket Lodge.

W. M. Ancient York Lodge.

W. M. Kilwinning Lodge.

W. M. William North Lodge.

R. W. Winslow Lewis moved that these valuable portraits be accepted, and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be communicated to the donors, and the motion unanimously prevailed.

In accordance with the foregoing vote the following communications have been forwarded as addressed :

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.
BOSTON, Sept. 14th, 1874.

GEORGE B. DIXWELL, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held on the 9th inst., I had the pleasure of announcing the receipt of your most acceptable gift of a portrait of your honored father, John Dixwell, M. D., who was Grand Master of Masons in this Commonwealth during the years 1821, 1822 and 1823. The destruction of our Temple by fire in 1864, involved the loss of many precious relics and souvenirs not to be valued by a money standard, and many of which can never be replaced. Highly estimated among these was the series of portraits of Grand Masters, complete with the exception of two, whose likenesses were believed not to exist. We have never ceased to mourn this well-nigh irreparable loss, and entered upon the task of renewing the collection with faint hearts. Each addition to the ranks of this goodly company gives us new courage and is welcomed with increasing satisfaction.

The older members of our Fraternity in this State remember Dr. Dixwell with great respect and affection, while all the Brethren are familiar with the record of his distinguished services. The Grand Lodge therefore voted to accept most gratefully your generous gift and directed that suitable acknowledgment be made for the same. We have placed it on our walls in company with the "counterfeit presentment" of Joseph Warren, Paul Revere, and many others of the honored dead. We trust that they may long remain there and incite us and

our successors to revere their characters and imitate their virtues.

With the expression of my personal respect and gratitude, I beg to subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.
BOSTON, Sept. 14th, 1874.

JOHN VIALI, Esq., *Past Master.*

DEAR SIR AND W. BROTHER:—The M. W. Grand Lodge accepts with great pleasure the portrait of Past Grand Master John Abbot and returns its most sincere and hearty thanks to each and all of the Brethren who have contributed for its purchase, and especially to yourself, the originator and prime mover of this good work.

Half a century has elapsed since that true-hearted Brother assumed the Oriental Chair. It was his good fortune to occupy it on the 17th of June, 1825, when Gen. Lafayette visited the Grand Lodge. On that day they together laid the corner-stone of Bunker Hill Monument. It was a day "full of interest to other classes of the community as well as Masons. The reappearance of Lafayette after an absence of more than forty years—the presence of a large number of Revolutionary soldiers, his companions in arms—the oration by Webster—the Masonic and military display—the gigantic procession,—all these presented a cluster of attractions and made the occasion one of unsurpassed brilliancy and grandeur." Those who had the happiness to hear the oration and to witness the imposing ceremonies regard it as the grandest occasion of their lives, and the mere narrative excites in others a thrill of admiration and delight.

In the following year the anti-Masonic persecution began and raged with mad violence for ten years. "During the whole of this period Brother Abbot stood as a faithful sentinel on the outer walls of the citadel. He was always present where duty called. In 1834, when the storm had reached the height of its

fury, he was again elected Grand Master, and assumed the direction of the affairs of the Craft, then in a depressed and embarrassing condition; but which, through an indomitable firmness that nothing could shake, and an energy which nothing could tire, he restored to a degree of order and placed on a footing, the good effects of which were soon manifest in the revival and renewed prosperity of the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction. The Masonic Fraternity of Massachusetts owe him a large debt of gratitude. He was an able, true and faithful Brother,—a wise counsellor, and a safe leader.” Such is the testimony of one who stood shoulder to shoulder with him in those trying times. We do well to cherish, by every means in our power, the memory of Brethren who rendered such important services to the Fraternity.

To this formal communication of the thanks of the Grand Lodge, permit me to add the expression of my own grateful acknowledgments for your valuable contribution to our gallery of Masonic Worthies.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
BOSTON, Sept. 14th, 1874.

TO THE MASTERS OF PENTUCKET, ANCIENT YORK,
KILWINNING AND WILLIAM NORTH LODGES.

WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN :—It is my pleasant duty to inform you of the acceptance of the portrait of R. W. William Sewall Gardner, Past Grand Master, and to communicate to you, and the Lodges you represent, the thanks of the M. W. Grand Lodge for this appropriate memorial of a Brother, whose labors in behalf of the Fraternity have been so recently bestowed as to be familiar to all his Brethren, and whose works in that regard are known and read of all men. The services thus rendered entitle him to an honorable place by the side of the excellent and illustrious men who have adorned the office of Grand Master.

Be assured, Brethren, that we most heartily concur in your

estimate of the character and labors of him whom you so justly praise and prize. The Grand Lodge will carefully preserve this expressive reminder of his usefulness and your affection.

With the assurance of my own warmest gratitude and most affectionate interest in each of your Lodges,

Believe me to be, dear Brethren,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

SERENO D. NICKERSON, *Grand Master.*

The petition of C. G. Carr, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, was submitted to the Grand Lodge, and referred to R. W. Bros. Percival L. Everett and George E. Stacy, and W. Bro. William J. Stevens.

The Committee on Trials presented their

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF BAY STATE LODGE IN THE TRIAL OF ADDINGTON D. WELCH.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
Sept. 9th, 1874.

The Committee on Trials, to whom were referred the proceedings of Bay State Lodge, Montague, in the trial of Bro. A. D. Welch, having examined the record transmitted to the Grand Lodge in said case, respectfully report:

That two charges against the respondent, — namely, fraud and unmasonic conduct, each charge being accompanied with three specifications, — were filed, and a Special Communication of the Lodge for the trial of these charges was held on May 18th, 1874. There is nothing in the record to show whether the respondent was duly notified of the pending of the charges, but this may be considered as immaterial, because he was present at the trial, both personally and by counsel. To the *first* charge, the respondent pleaded, "Not Guilty," and inasmuch as upon *this*, he was acquitted by the Lodge, it need be no further con-

sidered. Upon the *second* charge, to wit, that of unmasonic conduct, under which were specifications of drunkenness, vehement mendacity, and abuse of family, the plea of the respondent was "Guilty," except as to the specification relating to abuse of his family. Upon this plea of "Guilty," the Lodge sentenced him to suspension from Masonry for the term of six months.

The record in this case is by no means properly made, being deficient in many of the particulars necessary to constitute an accurate statement of a Masonic trial, yet inasmuch as substantial justice appears to have been done, your committee respectfully recommend that the proceedings of Bay State Lodge in this trial be confirmed.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

FREDERICK D. ELY,

Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted, confirming the action of Bay State Lodge, by which Bro. Addington D. Welch is suspended from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry for the term of six months.

On motion of R. W. John McClellan, Grand Treasurer, it was voted that five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated to purposes of charity, to be disbursed under the direction and supervision of the Committee on Charity.

The Committee on Trials submitted their
REPORT ON THE COMPLETED PROCEEDINGS OF SAINT
JOHN'S LODGE, BOSTON, IN THE TRIAL OF SOLON
THORNTON.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Sept. 9th, 1874.

The Committee on Trials, to whom was referred the record of proceedings of St. John's Lodge, Boston, in the trial of Bro.

Solon Thornton, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully report :

That the completed record of the proceedings of St. John's Lodge in this painful case having been presented, the whole case comes rightfully before the Grand Lodge for its final action. At the last Quarterly Communication, the record of proceedings of the trial held on March 27th, 1874, was presented, but the trial was not at that time completed, for the reason that the presiding officer ruled that a two-thirds vote of the members of the Lodge present, was necessary for the conviction of the respondent upon the charges filed. Under this ruling, a vote of the Lodge was taken upon the several charges, the result of which was, that only a majority of the members voted Guilty upon each charge, so that in the judgment of the presiding officer, there was no conviction upon either of the charges. Therefore, further proceedings in the trial were stayed, and upon an appeal from the ruling of the Chair in respect to the number of members necessary for conviction, the record of the Lodge, presenting this single question, came up to the Grand Lodge. The ruling of the Chair was set aside as erroneous, and the case was then remanded to St. John's Lodge, for the purpose of completing the trial by the imposition of such sentence as that Lodge should see fit to render, after which the full record of the case was to be transmitted. The Grand Lodge having therefore decided upon the inspection of the prior record, that the respondent stood legally convicted upon the several charges, so far as the mere question of the number necessary to convict is concerned, the question now for consideration is, what judgment shall be rendered upon the entire record of the case?

The charges against the respondent were as follows :

First, "That the said Solon Thornton has committed acts and been guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason, and in violation of his obligation as a Mason.

"In that he has, with intent to wrong and defraud a Body of Masons, to wit, the Grand Council of Massachusetts, fraudulently received a large sum of money belonging to said Grand Council, to wit, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

"And further, that the said Solon Thornton, with the intent to wrong and defraud said Grand Council, hath fraudulently concealed a large sum of money belonging to said Grand Council, to wit, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and doth now conceal said sum.

"And further, that the said Solon Thornton, with the intent to wrong and defraud said Grand Council, fraudulently used and appropriated to his own use a large sum of money belonging to said Grand Council, to wit, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and though often requested, has refused to pay over the said sum to said Grand Council, and still refuses to make restitution thereof."

Second, "That the said Solon Thornton has committed and been guilty of other acts unbecoming a Mason, and in violation of his obligation as a Mason.

"In that the said Solon Thornton, with intent to wrong, injure and deceive the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire, wilfully made false and fraudulent representations as to the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in regard to an application made by one Seth Winslow.

"And further, that the said Solon Thornton, with the like intent and with the intent to wrong and injure the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, falsely represented himself to be an Officer of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; which said representation was made to Right Worshipful Brother Bell, then an Officer of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire."

Third, "That the said Solon Thornton has committed and been guilty of other acts unbecoming a Mason, and in violation of his obligation as a Mason.

"In that the said Solon Thornton, having been duly elected and installed Secretary of St. John's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and while acting in that capacity, with the intent to wrong, injure and defraud said Lodge, kept false and fraudulent accounts of the moneys received by him as Secretary aforesaid, and especially of the moneys paid to him by Brothers

Linus M. Child, Theo. Smith and C. N. Bliss, during the years A.D. 1870 and 1871.

"And further, that the said Solon Thornton, while acting as Secretary aforesaid, with intent to wrong, injure and defraud the Lodge aforesaid, fraudulently received and concealed a large sum of money due to and belonging to said Lodge during the years aforesaid, to wit, the sum of twenty dollars paid by Bro. Linus M. Child; the sum of thirteen dollars and fifteen cents, by Bro. Theo. Smith; the sum of thirteen dollars by Bro. C. N. Bliss.

"That the said Solon Thornton, fraudulently and with intent aforesaid, omitted to enter the sums aforesaid, received by him as aforesaid, to the credit of said Lodge on the books of account kept by him as Secretary aforesaid.

"That the said Solon Thornton, with like intent, made false and fraudulent accounts and returns of the moneys received by him as Secretary aforesaid, in that he wilfully omitted to return an account for the three several sums aforesaid, received by him as aforesaid.

"And further, that the said Solon Thornton hath wronged, injured and defrauded the St. John's Lodge of Master Masons, by fraudulently appropriating to his own use the three several sums of money received by him as aforesaid, and though often requested, hath refused to pay over the same to said Lodge."

It can hardly be questioned that these charges thus fully and technically set forth, constitute Masonic offences of the gravest and most serious nature. The wrongful and fraudulent appropriation of funds belonging to a Masonic Body and held solely by virtue of the fiduciary capacity in which they were received by the respondent, is an offence not simply against the property of the lawful owners, but against his own honor, integrity and good name. The offence alleged in the second charge was still graver in its nature and consequences. It was in effect, an attempt at fraud upon the Grand Lodges of two sovereign States, which had preserved, for a long series of years, now become historical in their Masonic import, the most harmonious and fraternal relations. The attempt was so far successful as to disturb, though happily only for a brief season, the

amicability and evenness of the Masonic life and intercourse, so long led and held by and between these Grand Organizations. If the old harmonies were at last restored, by the full exposition of the facts involved, and through mutual unfolding of hearts, by the representatives of the two jurisdictions, no thanks were due for such restoration to him to whom the original breach in these historical relations between the two Grand Lodges, was due. For his offence, this Grand Lodge, by its unanimous vote, struck the offender's name from the Roll of Honor. It would almost seem superfluous to contend, that for an offence like this, which was palpably against the entire Fraternity of both jurisdictions, and which tended to the sundering of harmonious inter-State relations extending over three generations, the offender might properly be brought to the bar of the subordinate Lodge of which he was a member, and there tried as for an offence against Masonry itself.

The charges having been duly filed, a summons, in due form, was served upon the respondent, together with a copy of the charges, and the members of the Lodge were also summoned to appear at a Special Communication on March 27th, at which time the trial took place.

After opening upon the third degree, the W. M. Bro. William F. Peirce, after informing the members that he would be called as a witness in the case, requested R. W. Bro. Daniel Harwood, Senior Past Master, to preside at the trial. Accordingly R. W. Bro. Harwood assumed the Chair and thereafter presided. The committee appointed by the Lodge to take charge of the trial, consisting of R. W. Bro. Winslow Lewis, and Bros. William H. Thomes and Joseph N. Peirce Jr., selected R. W. Bro. Edward Avery to act as counsel for the Lodge, and Bro. F. W. Pelton was appointed as counsel for the respondent.

The respondent, having been called upon to plead to the several charges, thereupon pleaded Not Guilty. The counsel for the respondent then moved to dismiss the first charge, viz, that relating to the fraud alleged to have been committed by the respondent against the Grand Council of Massachusetts, for want of jurisdiction. The motion was properly overruled by the presiding officer, who held that this charge should be tried.

Bro. Pelton then moved or rather requested to have the second charge dismissed, because the respondent had been once tried on that charge and had suffered the penalty of the Grand Lodge; but after argument by the respective counsel, this request was withdrawn.

The witnesses were then obligated by the presiding officer, and their testimony was introduced. In support of the first charge, R.W. Bro. John McClellan and W. Charles H. Norris testified in substance, that the respondent had made returns of the sum of \$378 as being the *total* amount received by him during a given time, whereas for the same time he had received returns from subordinate Councils of the sum of \$516, for which he had given receipts; also that the respondent had acknowledged the deficiency and promised to pay it some time.

Upon the *second* charge, the records and reports of the Grand Lodge were introduced as evidence, under the objection of the respondent which was overruled. Upon this branch of the case, R.W. Brothers Charles H. Titus, Charles C. Dame and G. Washington Warren testified concerning the misrepresentations alleged to have been made by the respondent to R.W. Bro. Bell, of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and a letter from Bro. Bell to the respondent as to the particulars of the conversation between them, in which conversation the fraudulent statements are given in detail, was introduced.

In relation to the *third* charge, the testimony of Bro. Allen, the Secretary, and of Theo. Smith was presented: and the W. Master testified, that the Secretary, Bro. Allen, had called his attention to a discrepancy in the respondent's accounts as Secretary, he having reported a deficit at the Annual Meeting of the Finance Committee of \$529.60, whereas the true deficit as shown by the book, was \$1,125.10; he afterwards called on the respondent and requested him to appoint some time to meet the members of the committee and examine the accounts, as a discrepancy had been discovered in the same. The respondent evaded making any appointment with the Finance Committee, but stated that he would meet Bro. Allen and look over the books with him. A meeting was appointed for the purpose, but for some reason did not take place. Before the

Stated Meeting of April of that year (1872) the respondent was informed that the matter would be reported to the Lodge. On the evening of the meeting in April, a note from the respondent was received, which was produced in evidence, wherein he promised to pay \$50 per week, for the purpose of having the matter squared up. This sum was paid for five weeks, amounting to \$250, which was the total amount of cash received from the respondent on account of his deficiency, leaving an unpaid balance of \$345.50, in excess of the amount of the deficit reported by him. The evidence for the prosecution being thus concluded, the respondent was obligated, and made a statement to the Lodge, which constituted the only evidence in the case submitted on his behalf. In regard to the *first* charge, he admitted that he owed two hundred and fifty dollars to the Grand Council, but said that he generally made his payments to the Grand Treasurer at one time, and that probably a large portion of the delinquency came in too late for the Annual Meeting—that it was customary to close up the account before that time, and that probably accounted for his having the money in his possession. In respect to the *second* charge, he denied being introduced to R.W. Bro. Bell as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and claimed that he was introduced as simply Bro. Thornton. As to the *third* charge, he stated that it had always been his custom to keep the amount paid into his hands by applicants for the degrees until their application was acted upon by the Lodge, and if accepted, then to pay the amount to the Treasurer; that he sometimes received quarterages from the members upon the street; that it was his usual custom to put all money together; that he did not keep the Lodge money separate from his private funds; that he attributed his deficiency to his careless manner of keeping the books, and that he did not intend to defraud the Lodge.

At the conclusion of this statement of the respondent, the evidence was closed, and arguments were submitted by the respective counsel. A vote was then taken agreeably to the directions of the Grand Constitutions; the result was that the respondent was found guilty upon each of the three charges.

A subsequent Special Communication of St. John's Lodge

was held on June 29th, 1874, in pursuance of the directions of the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, ordering St. John's Lodge to proceed with the trial and complete the record thereof, the only act remaining for the members to perform being the imposition of sentence upon the respondent.

At this Communication R. W. Bro. Harwood again presided, by request of the W. M. The members of the Lodge were also *summoned* to appear for the discharge of the duty devolving upon them. The official communication of the Recording Grand Secretary announcing the action of the Grand Lodge upon the record of the case already sent up, was read. The charges against the respondent, and indeed the entire proceedings of the trial in March, were also read. Several members were present at this Communication who had not been present at the trial, and upon the raising of a question whether such members were entitled to vote upon the sentence of the respondent, the W. Master stated that he had consulted with the M. W. Grand Master, in whose judgment any member of the Lodge was entitled to vote upon the penalty; but any one not present at the trial and having conscientious scruples might be excused. In view of the fact that at this Special Communication, the entire proceedings at the trial, including the evidence on both sides, were read in the hearing of all, the soundness of the opinion of the Grand Master, that all might vote who desired upon the question of penalty, can scarcely be doubted.

The question was then put by the presiding officer whether the respondent should be expelled from the rights and benefits of Freemasonry, and upon the taking of the vote, sixty-six members voted *Yes*, and fifty-eight members voted *No*.

Twenty-nine members were excused, as they were not present at the trial; two, because they were witnesses; one, because he had preferred the charge, and one, as presiding officer.

Solon Thornton was therefore declared expelled from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. After two very arduous sessions of St. John's Lodge, during which R. W. Bro. Harwood presided with eminent ability, fairness and impartiality, for

which he justly received the thanks of the Lodge, the proceedings were closed, and the record has been completed.

It is but simple justice to Bro. James W. Allen, Secretary of St. John's Lodge, to say that his record of this case bears the marks of great care and painstaking, and that in all essential particulars it is clear and accurate.

St. John's Lodge having thus discharged, what, to its members, must have been one of the most painful duties within the range of their Masonic experience, it remains for this Grand Lodge to take such action upon the record of the case presented, as law and justice require. To the members of this Grand Body, and especially to those whose connection is a permanent one, there is a peculiar sadness attached to a case like the present. There must be retrospections and memories of brighter days; there must be yearnings of sympathy toward the respondent and sad regrets for his fall. There must be, at least, hope and the tenderness of charity for the whole future of his life. Above all, there can be no exultation and no shade of bitterness, as we wistfully gaze back upon a companionship once cherished, and perhaps never to pass wholly from our kind regard.

But justice, honor, and the integrity of the Craft will all be imperilled if *duty* shall fail.

Your committee, in the discharge of that duty, as it is commended to them after a careful examination of the case, respectfully recommend that the proceedings of St. John's Lodge in the trial of Solon Thornton, be confirmed.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
FREDERICK D. ELY.

Committee.

The report was accepted; and the recommendation unanimously adopted, confirming the action of Saint John's Lodge, whereby Solon Thornton is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint

of Trinity Lodge, of Clinton, against Wilder Lodge, of Leominster, reported as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE COMPLAINT OF TRINITY
LODGE AGAINST WILDER LODGE.

IN GRAND LODGE,
BOSTON, Sept. 9, 1874.

The Committee appointed, at the Quarterly Communication in March last, to investigate the complaint of Trinity Lodge, Clinton, against Wilder Lodge, Leominster, have attended to that duty, and respectfully offer the following report :

This complaint embraces a charge of unmasonic conduct with two specifications.

First, That Wilder Lodge has invaded the jurisdiction of Trinity Lodge in accepting a candidate from the town of Sterling.

Second, That the candidate is unworthy.

As to the first specification, the question of jurisdiction,—the indisputable points are :

First, That Sterling is about four miles from Clinton, and seven miles from Leominster.

Second, There is Railroad communication with the three towns during the day, but none at night ; consequently, as the Lodges meet only at night, communication must be had by the county road, in carriages or on foot.

Third, All the Brethren of Sterling, with but one exception, have received the degrees in Trinity Lodge, Clinton.

From these several points, the natural conclusion must be, that no sane man, if obliged to go on foot, will consider it "most convenient" to walk seven miles, rather than four, and if he is a merciful man, and sane, he will have the same consideration for his horse, if he has the choice to ride.

Upon this conclusion, and the fact that since the two Lodges were chartered, all the Brethren of Sterling have received the degrees in, and affiliated with Trinity Lodge (with only the one exception just mentioned) your committee are of the opin-

ion that Trinity Lodge has jurisdiction over the town of Sterling, and that Wilder Lodge has invaded that jurisdiction.

As to the second specification, that the candidate is unworthy, the committee offer the following history of the case, that their conclusions may be clearly understood; also, to show the spirit that has characterized the conduct of the two Lodges involved in the controversy.

February 20, 1872, — — —, a resident of Sterling, a practitioner in the Eclectic School of medicine, made application for the degrees in Wilder Lodge, Leominster. The committee on the application asked further time at the Stated Communications in March, April and May. One of the committee wrote to Sterling for information regarding this candidate, and received a reply (signed by every Mason in town at the time) protesting strongly against his admission.

The Worshipful Master of Trinity Lodge also addressed a letter to the Worshipful Master of Wilder Lodge, protesting against the action of Wilder Lodge, in invading the jurisdiction of Trinity Lodge; but waived that argument in favor of the more important and, as he believed, more effective one, of character. This protest and letter cannot be found, and the precise statements and expressions cannot be given, but all agree that the principal objections made to the admission of the candidate were on account of his intemperate and immoral character. At the Stated Communication in June a majority of the committee made an unfavorable report and he was rejected. This closes the first chapter of this history. The question of jurisdiction was still claimed by Trinity Lodge, and the imputations against the character of the candidate were, in a certain degree, established by this rejection. The Brethren of Sterling were satisfied with the result, and felt no further attempt would be made to lift an unworthy candidate into the Fraternity. Not so, however, with Wilder Lodge. They had not yielded a single point in the case, had made no inquiries regarding jurisdiction, and had allowed the rejection only because, to use the expression of one of the principal members of the Lodge, "they did not, at that time, think it expedient to elect him."

The rejection of this candidate occurred at the Stated Communication of Wilder Lodge held June 18, 1872.

February 11, 1873, just one year after the first application, and the seventh month after his rejection, _____ made a second application for the degrees in Wilder Lodge.

The Annual Election of the Lodge had intervened, and a new Worshipful Master had succeeded to the Chair. This new Master was a physician, also of the Eclectic School, and an intimate friend of the candidate; than whom no man was better able to judge of his merits or his fitness for the degrees in Masonry.

This second application was referred to two Past Masters and the Secretary.

At the next Stated Communication, held March 11, 1873, each of the committee made a favorable report and the candidate was accepted. March 25th., at a Special Communication, he received the first degree. Thus far had this second application proceeded without the knowledge of any of the ten or twelve Brethren from Sterling, who had protested against the first application. The first knowledge they had, came from the candidate, who hastened to proclaim himself an Entered Apprentice.

At a Special Communication of Trinity Lodge, held April 8, 1873, some of the Brethren of Sterling complained of this action of Wilder Lodge, and it was voted, that the Secretary be requested to report to the Grand Lodge, the action of Wilder Lodge in accepting — — —, of Sterling. The Secretary addressed the following communication to the Grand Master.

TRINITY LODGE, CLINTON, April 10, 1873.

*M. W. Sereno Dwight Nickerson, Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to hereby officially inform you that at a Special Communication of Trinity Lodge, held on the 8th. inst., the following vote was passed. *Voted*, that the Secretary be requested to report to the Grand Lodge the action of Wilder Lodge, of Leominster, in accepting one — — —, of Sterling. The facts in the case are these. *First*, The individual is within our jurisdiction and Wilder Lodge had no right to accept him without our consent, which

they have never asked for. *Second*, The individual is not a proper person to be made a Mason, his habits being of a very immoral character. Some time ago he applied for the degrees to Wilder Lodge, and was rejected; every Mason in Sterling signing a petition against him. With this paper in their archives, and without again consulting any of the Brethren in Sterling, Wilder Lodge has, clandestinely, as it were, accepted him on a second application, and already conferred the first degree.

These facts can be substantiated by the Brethren in Sterling, members of our Lodge, and thinking the cause of Masonry is injured by the action of Wilder Lodge, the case is now left in your hands. Trusting it may receive your early attention, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed)

HENRY N. OTTERSON.

Secretary of Trinity Lodge.

On receipt of this communication the Grand Master issued the following order.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.
BOSTON, April 11, 1873.

To the Master of Wilder Lodge, Leominster :

DEAR SIR AND W. BROTHER:—Complaint having been made to me that your Lodge has improperly taken jurisdiction over a candidate by the name of — —, of Sterling, you are hereby directed to refrain from further conferring any of the degrees in Freemasonry upon said — —, until said complaint is investigated, and until further instructions are issued from the Grand Master.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

(Signed)

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Grand Master.

This order effectually stopped all further progress, and the candidate still remains an Entered Apprentice.

The history of this case betrays a remarkable determination on the part of Wilder Lodge to admit this candidate into the Fraternity. With the exception of the rejection of his first application, there is no evidence of any disposition to investigate his character, or guard the Institution against the admission of an unworthy candidate.

As evidence of the disposition to elect him at all hazards, note the following incident :

It happened on the evening of March 11th, 1873, when the second application of — — was acted upon, that two Brethren from Sterling visited Wilder Lodge, not knowing of this second application. The Worshipful Master was introduced to them in the ante-room, before the Lodge was opened. As no one could vouch for them, they were obliged to wait for a committee to examine them. One of this committee was a personal acquaintance of one of the visitors, knew he was from Sterling and had signed the protest against — —, yet no questions were asked concerning him, and no intimation given that his application was before the Lodge. Some considerable time elapsed before the committee appeared, which was occupied in balloting, and when the visitors were admitted, the business was concluded. All the visitors saw was work on the third degree, and they never knew that — — was admitted on that evening, until it became known through this committee of the Grand Lodge.

Of the committee on the second application — — and — — admit they sought no information from the Brethren of Sterling, or from the Fraternity. They thought the Brethren of Sterling were prejudiced against the candidate, and therefore made no inquiry of them.

— — professes a more thorough investigation. He asserts that he went to Sterling, and spent half the day in making inquiries concerning the character of — —, that he inquired of the protesting Brethren, who told him they knew nothing of the candidate, except what a certain Brother had told them, and they had signed the protest on this Brother's say so.

Your committee made considerable effort to find these Brethren of Sterling, who were thus interviewed by — —, but without success. Every Brother in Sterling, who was a Mason at the time of this second application, has emphatically denied in writing, that any person from Leominster has ever questioned him concerning this candidate. Your committee have been unable to hear of any positive inquiry being made by either member of this committee of investigation. This committee must

have known they were appointed to investigate the character of a rejected candidate, that the principal objectors were Brother Masons of the same town with the candidate, and they were bound by the requirements of the Grand Constitutions, which they had solemnly sworn to support, and by the highest sense of duty to the Institution, as well as honor to themselves, to investigate the objections of the Brethren and the character of the candidate, so that their report would stand beyond the question of a doubt.

To the minds of your committee they did no such thing. Except the assertion of ——— that he visited Sterling for the purpose of inquiry, there is not the slightest evidence that any inquiry was made from any source.

How far the action of Wilder Lodge, as a Body, has been controlled by the five Brethren most intimately connected with this case, can only be guessed. Certain, it surely is, that your committee have been unable to find even the expression of a thought that did not appear to emanate from these five. ——— proposed the candidate, ———, ——— and ——— were the committee, and ——— was his particular friend. Correspondence with one of them was correspondence with all, and any new thought or argument bore evidence of a joint paternity.

At an interview with ———, interesting because it promised so much, he stated that Wilder Lodge did not intend to accept an unworthy candidate, and in this instance, if the order of the Grand Master was revoked, the candidate could not take another degree without a strict investigation. He also stated that the Brethren of Sterling cared little about the matter, and in proof, called attention to the fact that two of the protesting Brethren were present on the evening of ———'s acceptance. As has already been shown they were present *after* the ballot.

Desiring to get some expression from Wilder Lodge to show the attitude of the Brethren, the chairman of your committee addressed the following private letter to ———:

BOSTON, May 23d, 1874.

— — —:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—You will remember in our conversation at my store some few weeks ago, you made the remark in substance, that Wilder Lodge had no desire or intention to receive an unworthy candidate, and if the rumors concerning — — were true, he could not get another degree even if the Grand Master's order was revoked. Now this may be or may not be the feeling in Wilder Lodge, a large majority may still be in favor of conferring the other degrees, while if a new ballot was ordered, one individual could stop him.

You will readily see, that as the case now stands, Wilder Lodge takes the attitude of having accepted an unworthy candidate, and as far as any expression of the Lodge is concerned, is only prevented from conferring the degrees by the Grand Master's order. There has been no occasion to say anything before this, because until you got the complaint from me, they had no reason to believe that any other question was involved except jurisdiction.

Now, it seems to me, that having received a copy of the entire complaint, it would be a good opportunity to show the feeling of Wilder Lodge, by adopting at the next Regular Meeting, some kind of a resolution disclaiming any desire or intention to receive any candidate unless found worthy; and that the candidate in question could not, if left entirely to the will of the Lodge, be advanced without a full and candid hearing on the question of character.

If this is really the earnest feeling of an expressive majority, I should like to say so in my report, because if this is the private feeling of the Lodge, it will have a very favorable effect on the disposal of the case.

I offer this only as a suggestion, and leave entirely to your judgment its advisability.

Please let me hear from you and give me your views on the subject.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. DANFORTH.

It will be seen that this letter is addressed to a private individual, and the suggestions left entirely to his judgment. The reply, although claimed by him, and boasted of as his own production, also professes to be the unanimous opinion of Wilder Lodge.

At the Regular Communication of Wilder Lodge held this evening, Tuesday, May 23d, 1874, the following was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, by order of the Grand Master, dated April 11, 1873, this Lodge has been enjoined from conferring the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason upon — —, a candidate who has been regularly accepted and initiated by this Lodge, upon complaint of Trinity Lodge, of Clinton, to the Grand Master, that we have improperly taken Jurisdiction over said candidate; and whereas, said matter of jurisdiction was referred, by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 11th day of March, to a committee; and whereas, in addition to the matter referred to them, the said committee have proceeded to investigate certain charges against the moral character of said candidate, which charges have never been presented to this Lodge to investigate, now therefore,

Resolved, That while we express our willingness now and ever to candidly and impartially investigate any and all charges which may be regularly made against this candidate or any Mason within our jurisdiction; yet we most earnestly protest against any *ex parte* trial by others, of any candidate who has been initiated by this Lodge, as an infringement of our Charter rights, and as an entirely irregular and unmasonic proceeding.

Resolved, that a copy of the above be furnished the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the chairman of said committee.

A True Copy.

G. F. MORSE,

L. S.

Secretary Wilder Lodge.

If this paper truly represents the views and feelings of Wilder Lodge, it is evident that the admission of this candidate has become a partizan matter to be accomplished at all hazards.

Your committee did not feel called to investigate the character of the candidate further than to establish the charge of Trinity Lodge that he was unworthy, and on that point there can be no question. In addition to his intemperance and other misdemeanors, there is evidence that his matrimonial experiences are frequent and unscrupulous, as will be seen by the following extract from the *Clinton Courant* of August 8th, 1874. [An article from said paper was here submitted by the committee, setting forth that the candidate referred to, had been guilty of the crime of bigamy.]

Your committee, in conclusion express the opinion that :—

Wilder Lodge has invaded the jurisdiction of Trinity Lodge in the acceptance of a candidate, and that the candidate is unworthy,—that in the controversy growing out of these facts, Wilder Lodge entirely ignored the protests of Trinity Lodge and the Brethren of the Order, as shown in the fact that it required an order from the Grand Master to arrest the progress of the candidate; also that the five Brethren most deeply interested, have allowed their zeal to outrun their discretion, proving that in places of trust and honor, their private wishes are paramount to their duty; and finally that the Brethren of Wilder Lodge have been strangely and unduly influenced by these five Brethren.

Nor can this conduct be excused on the plea of a sudden irritation. It has proved to be the consistent course of a determined purpose, looking forward to a desired consummation, and though baffled and thwarted, still, with an independence worthy of a better cause, clinging to any advantage gained.

To the minds of your committee the case presents a serious aspect, which rigid investigation only makes the more hideous. The feature most to be regretted is the attitude assumed by Wilder Lodge. The matter of jurisdiction was claimed by Trinity Lodge, and had it arisen between parties equally desirous for a peaceful solution, it would undoubtedly have been referred to competent authority for decision. But it does not appear that Wilder Lodge made any attempt to settle the question. They arrogated to themselves the power to decide it, and have persistently resisted any interference.

And so with the candidate. After accepting him against the protests of Trinity Lodge, they claim all the rights that belong to a Lodge in a regular course of proceeding.

In this attitude, and while in this disposition, it must be evident to all good Masons, that the interests and well-being of Masonry have no protection in Wilder Lodge beyond and above their own individual wishes,

To look for a different course, is to take counsel of our hopes, against the light of our experience.

Your committee, therefore, in view of the magnitude of the offence, in the full belief that the course of Wilder Lodge is exceedingly detrimental to the Masonic Institution, and if continued or countenanced, will tend to weaken the power of this Grand Lodge, feel constrained to recommend such action, as in their judgment will best preserve the interests of the Fraternity from the hurtful influence of unmasonic conduct.

The Bible informs us that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and for the Grand Lodge to countenance in the least degree the admission of the unworthy, or the conduct of any Lodge guilty of such admission, is to sow the seeds of discord and division, which must result in the final overthrow of the Institution.

In the light of these facts and this belief, your committee respectfully recommend that the order of the Grand Master regarding this candidate remain in perpetual force unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee desire to express in the strongest terms, their unqualified disapprobation of the conduct of the five Brethren most intimately concerned in this case, but most especially that of the Worshipful Master. In him is vested all the prerogatives for governing his Lodge, and without his countenance, the efforts of the others would have been unavailing. In him, this Grand Lodge, has reposed the care and responsibility of preserving his Lodge against all hurtful influences, and the solemn obligation which he has taken, upon his honor as a Mason, to support and maintain the Constitutions and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, only makes his conduct more heinous. The evidence clearly shows that he well knew the character of the candidate, and that notwithstanding such knowledge, he persistently labored to force him into the Fraternity.

He has shown himself unfit to hold the high and responsible office of Worshipful Master, and your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the action of — — — in regard to the admis-

sion of ———, deserves and receives the condemnation of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate this resolution to ———, and to Wilder Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. DANFORTH,

BENJAMIN F. ATWOOD,

WILLIAM J. STEVENS,

Committee.

After a lengthy discussion the report was accepted, and the recommendations, which were separately submitted to the Grand Lodge, were adopted.

On motion of R.W. William J. Sawin, the dues of Hampshire Lodge, of Haydenville, to the Grand Lodge, for the year ending August 31, 1874, amounting to about eighty dollars, were remitted, in consequence of the severe loss suffered by that Lodge in the Mill River disaster.

The Committee on Charters made the following report on the petition of Crescent Lodge for Charter.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, Sept. 9, 1874.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Crescent Lodge, of Pittsfield, (now working under dispensation), for a Charter, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report that they find the Records neatly and correctly kept, and the Returns properly made. The Code of By-Laws submitted for examination is in accordance with the Grand Constitutions, and is recommended for approval. The required dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee recommend that a Charter be issued in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

The petitioners are to be congratulated in having had at their head the past year, one who, for so many years, has taken a deep and active interest in our Institution; an interest fraught with vitality enough to warrant an impetus to the advancement of this new Lodge and largely develop its infant resources; making it the living emblem of its significant name—the flourishing, beaming, expanding Crescent,—so ornamental to the heavens, and so beautiful to the human eye; typical of vigor, promise and hope.

For the Committee,

IVORY H. POPE, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted, the recommendation adopted, and a Charter granted to Crescent Lodge, of Pittsfield.

The Committee on By-Laws reported as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE,
BOSTON, September 9, 1874.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the amendments submitted by

HAYDEN,
JOHN CUTLER,
WYOMING,
OCCIDENTAL,

CHARLES C. DAME,
ADELPHI,
IONIC (Taunton),
ATHOL, and

GERMANIA Lodges,

and find them correct, and recommend their approval. A few words have been added by the committee to the amendment submitted by Wyoming Lodge to make its meaning more definite.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. SALMON,
JOEL SEAVERS,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The old records of Carmel Lodge, Warren, chartered September 8, 1824, and which made its last record March 29, 1829, were presented to the Grand Lodge by R.W. John Wetherbee, through the Grand Secretary, with the following letter.

WARREN, September, 8, 1874.

R.W. BROTHER TITUS :—Please accept for the Grand Lodge a Past Master's Diploma issued by W. Bro. Soley in 1814, also the records of "Carmel" Lodge, whose Charter was issued *fifty years ago to-day*.

But one Charter member is living, James S. Davis, of Warren, who was born November 15, 1798, and initiated in Jerusalem Lodge, No. 40, New Jersey, in 1822.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN WETHERBEE, *D. D. G. M. 18th District.*

The above was accompanied by a Past Master's Diploma issued to W. Bro. Harvey Sessions, in 1814, by Grand Master Benjamin Russell and Grand Secretary John Soley. These interesting documents were placed in the care of the Grand Secretary to be deposited in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

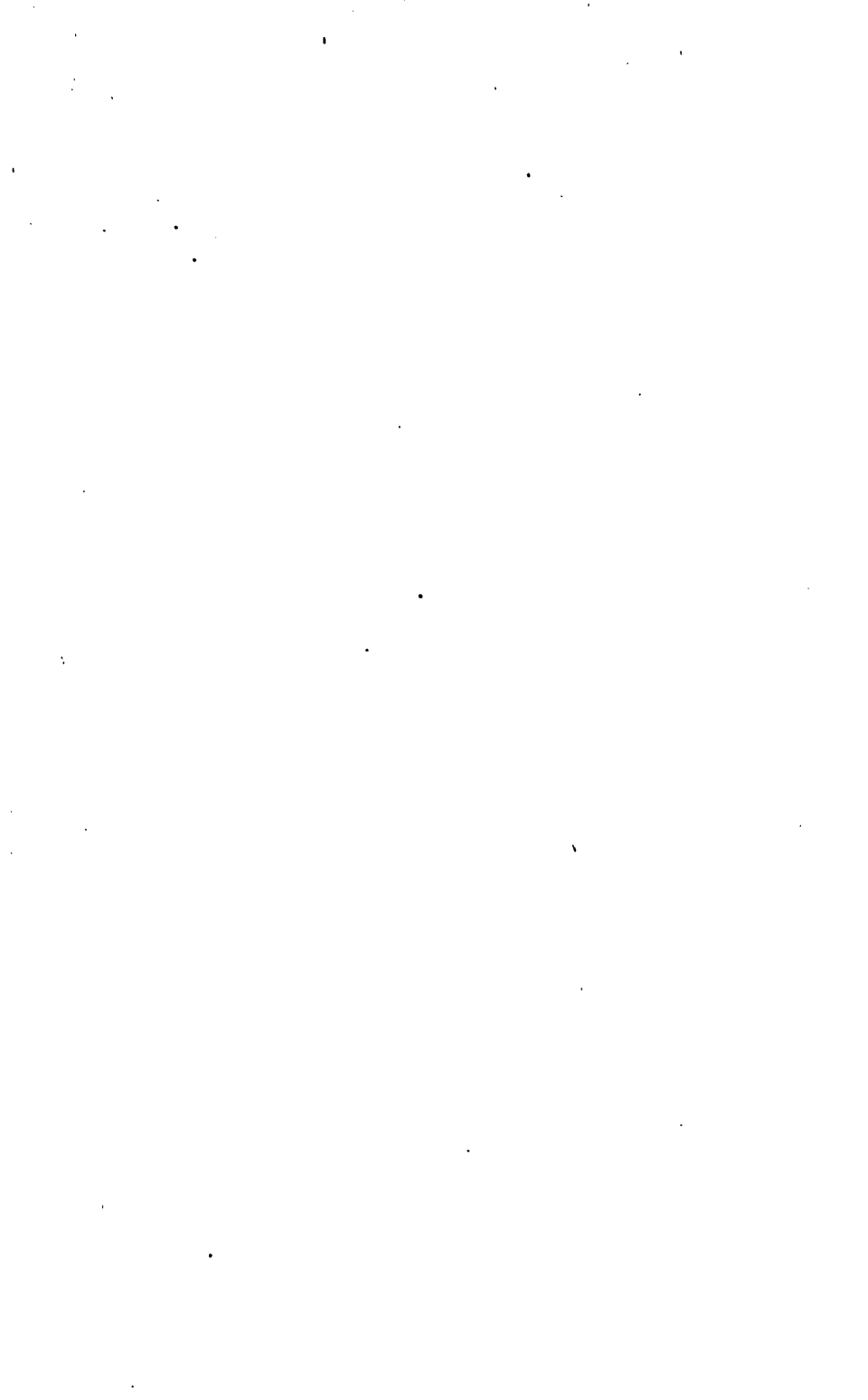
No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at five minutes past five o'clock P.M., prayer being offered by R. W. Rev. Charles H. Titus.

A true Abstract from the Records,

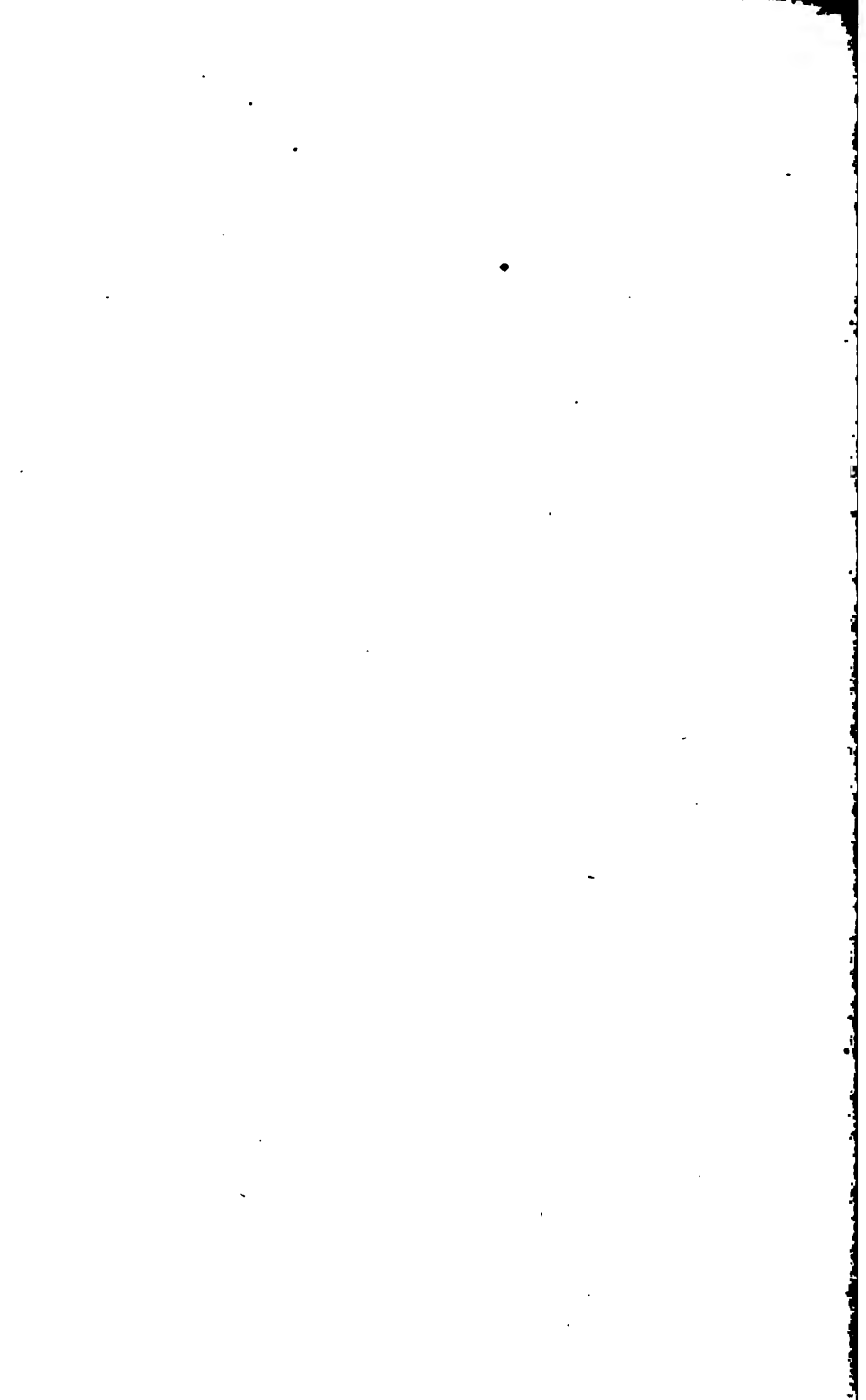
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CHARLES H. TITUS,

Recording Grand Secretary.







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THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

December, 1874,

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Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

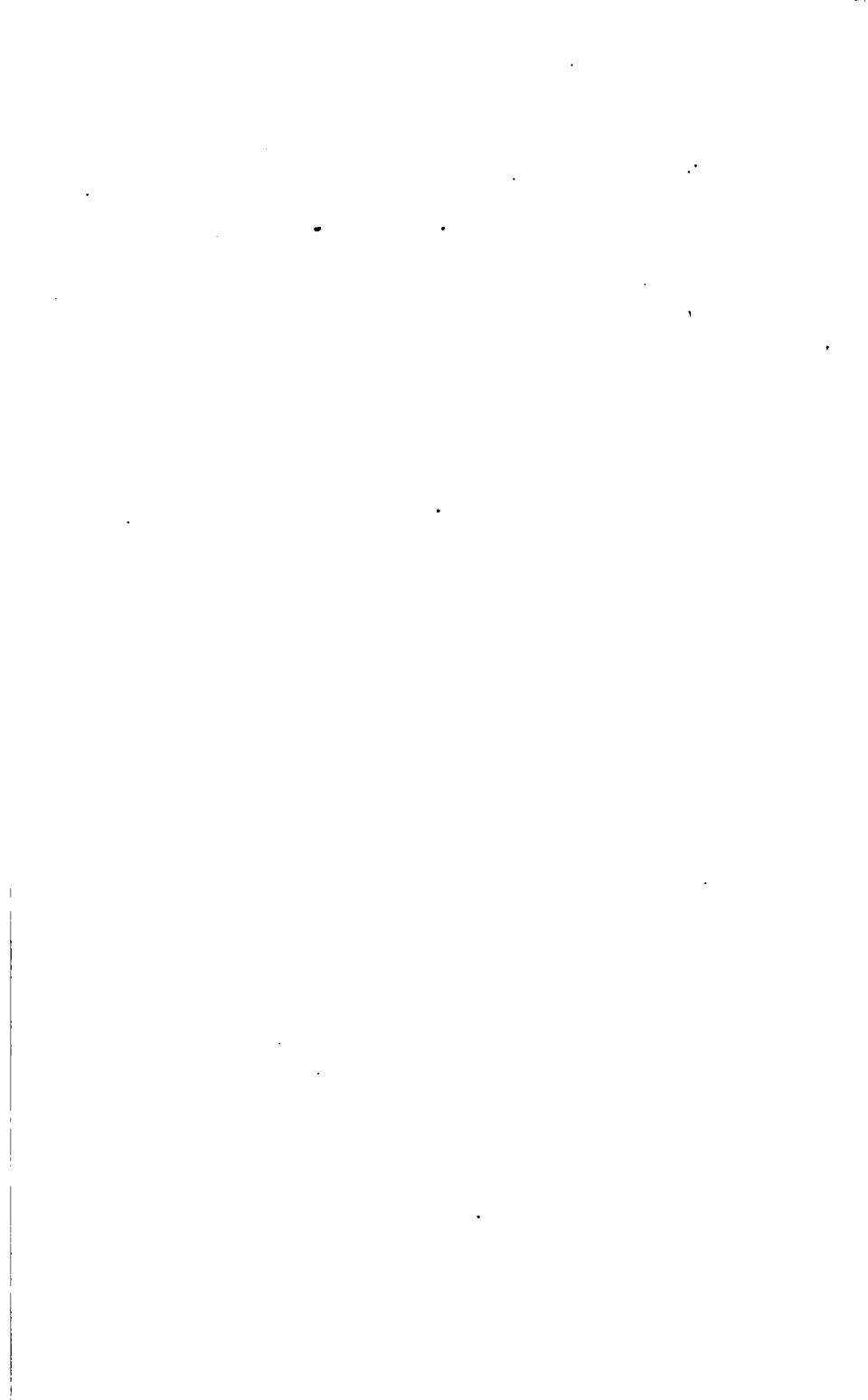
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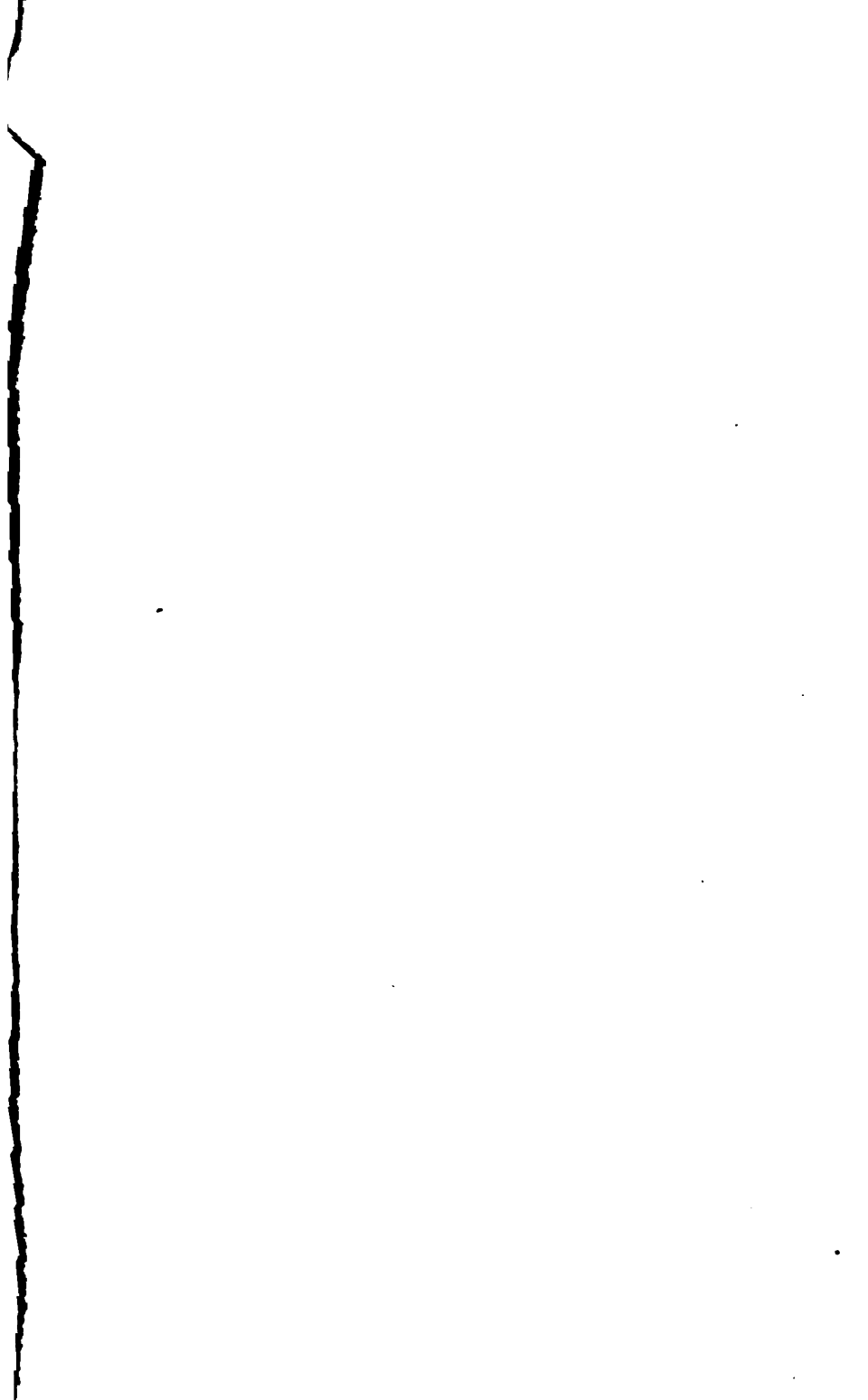
BOSTON:

PRESS OF FRANK WOOD,

173 WASHINGTON STREET,

1875.







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THE GRAND JURY

OF THE

STATE OF

NEW YORK

IN SENATE,

January 1, 1880.

REPORT OF THE

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IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION

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1875, May 4.
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PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:
CHARLES H. TITUS,
MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 9, A.L. 5874.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the ninth day of December, A.L. 5874, A.D. 1874.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

M.W. SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON	Grand Master.
R.W. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. CHARLES G. REED . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN McCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN . .	D. D. G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. WILLIAM H. KENT . . .	" " District No. 2.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	" " District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED . . .	" " District No. 5.
R.W. JOSEPH S. HOWE . . .	" " District No. 6.
R.W. HENRY P. PERKINS . . .	" " District No. 7.

R.W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 8.
R.W. DANIEL UPTON	" " District No. 9.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN	" " District No. 10.
R.W. JOSEPH B. KNOX	" " District No. 11.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	" " District No. 14.
R.W. EDWARD AVERY	" " District No. 16.
R.W. SMITH B. HARRINGTON . . .	" " District No. 17.
R.W. JOHN WETHERBEE	" " District No. 18.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D. } W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG }	Grand Chaplains.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. MOSES G. LYON	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN VIALI	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES H. BOUVÉ } W. HENRY A. BROWN } W. JOHN F. NEWTON }	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. LOVELL BICKNELL	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI } W. DANIEL T. V. HUNTOON }	Grand Pursuivants.
W. E. DANA BANCROFT, } W. CEPHAS BRIGHAM } W. CHARLES M. AVERY }	Grand Lecturers.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. LUCIUS R. PAIGE . . .	" " " "
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN . .	" " " "
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY . .	" " " "
R.W. BRADFORD L. WALES	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. JOEL SPALDING	" " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM F. SALMON	" " "
R.W. ITHAMAR F. CONKEY	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	" " "

R. W. DAVID W. CRAFTS	. . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R. W. CHARLES KIMBALL	. . . .	" " "
R. W. HENRY ENDICOTT	. . . .	" " "
R. W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	. . . .	" " "
R. W. HENRY MULLIKEN	. . . .	" " "
R. W. GEORGE H. TABER	. . . .	" " "
R. W. IVORY H. POPE	. . . .	" " "
R. W. ELLIAH W. BURR	. . . .	" " "
R. W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	. . . .	" " "
R. W. JOSEPH K. BAKER	. . . .	" " "

OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

R. W. ANDREW G. SMITH.

W. SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

W. HENRY G. FAY.

W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS.

W. HENRY J. PARKER.

W. NATHANIEL GREENE.

BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

LODGES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

ABERDOUR	. . . .	Henry F. Ames	. .	Master.
		James H. Fowler	. .	Junior Warden.
ACACIA	. . . .	John P. Dennett	. .	Master.
ACONCAGUA	. . . .	Increase S. Pote	. .	Proxy.
ADAMS	. . . .	Eben T. Atwood	. .	Master.
		N. Frank Lane	. .	Junior Warden.
ADELPHI	. . . .	J Elliot Bond	. .	Master.
ALFRED BAYLIES	. . . .	William F. Bodfish	. .	Master.
		Horatio H. Hall	. .	Senior Warden.
		John A. Crane	. .	Junior Warden.
AMICABLE	. . . .	True Scales	. .	Master.
		William L. Lathrop	. .	Junior Warden.
AMITY	. . . .	Alonzo J. Stetson	. .	Master.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	. . . .	William F. Salmon	. .	Proxy.
ANCIENT YORK	. . . .	Lucien P. Stacy	. .	Master.
ARTISAN	. . . .	Orrin E. Skinner	. .	Junior Warden.
ATHELSTAN	. . . .	E. P. Knight	. .	Master.
		Charles S. Day	. .	Senior Warden.
		Lyman B. Parkhurst	. .	Junior Warden.
		N. G. Tucker	. .	Proxy.
ATHOL	. . . .	Joseph A. Holton	. .	Master.
		Henry M. Humphrey	. .	Senior Warden.

	Edwin B. Horton . . .	Junior Warden.
AURORA	Eli Culley	Master.
BAALBEC	Edwin Y. Brown . . .	Master.
BELCHER	Edgar T. Paige . . .	Master.
BELMONT	Charles E. Chenery . .	Senior Warden.
BERKSHIRE	Charles F. Sayles . . .	Master.
	Dallas J. Dean . . .	Senior Warden.
	Andrew J. Bucklin . .	Junior Warden.
BETHANY	Elbridge C. Sawyer . .	Master.
	Alexander Smart . . .	Junior Warden.
BETHESDA (Brighton)	S. T. P. Martin . . .	Senior Warden.
BETH-HORON	Benjamin F. Baker . .	Master.
	Charles K. Kirby . . .	Junior Warden.
BLACKSTONE RIVER . .	Samuel S. White . . .	Master.
BLUE HILL	Isaac W. Cushman . .	Junior Warden.
BRISTOL	Frank S. Fairbanks . .	Master.
CALEB BUTLER	Ezra C. Chapin . . .	Master.
CHARITY	Francis M. Mason . . .	Master.
CHARLES C. DAME . . .	George H. Tenney . . .	Master.
	Samuel F. Malbon . . .	Proxy.
CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Walter S. Sprague . .	Senior Warden.
	George H. Rhodes . . .	Junior Warden.
CHARLES W. MOORE . .	Joel Joel	Master.
	George B. Woodward . .	Senior Warden.
CHICOPEE	Charles N. Smith . . .	Master.
	Richmond Danks . . .	Senior Warden.
	John B. Potter . . .	Junior Warden.
COLUMBIAN	William J. Stevens . .	Master.
	William P. Jones . . .	Senior Warden.
	A. A. Folsom	Junior Warden.
CONSTELLATION	Alonzo P. Wentworth .	Master.
CORINTHIAN	Henry F. Smith . . .	Master.
	G. Arthur Gray . . .	Senior Warden.
CORNER STONE	Charles M. Harlow . . .	Junior Warden.
CRESCENT	Henry Chickering . . .	Master.
	George C. Dunham . . .	Senior Warden.
DALHOUSIE	Stephen W. Trowbridge .	Master.
	Charles N. Brackett . .	Junior Warden.
DELTA	William S. Wallace . . .	Master.
	John M. Walsh	Senior Warden.
DORIC	Lyman Morse	Master.
EDEN	Henry F. Barnes . . .	Master.
	George S. Marsh . . .	Senior Warden.
ELEUSIS	Otis E. Weld	Master.

ELIOT	George B. Ager . . .	Master.
	Cyrus D. Foss . . .	Junior Warden.
ESSEX	William L. Hyde . . .	Master.
EUREKA	James L. Sherman . . .	Master.
	Ansel G. Baker . . .	Senior Warden.
	William T. Soule. . .	Junior Warden.
FAITH	Joseph W. Hill . . .	Senior Warden.
FELLOWSHIP	Hosea Kingman . . .	Master.
	Lucius W. Lovell . . .	Proxy.
FRATERNAL	Alexander G. Cash . .	Master.
	Samuel Snow	Proxy.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	Theodore L. Kelley . .	Master.
	William H. Ruddick . .	Senior Warden.
	Gustavus L. Winship . .	Junior Warden.
GERMANIA	Charles Stephan . . .	Master.
	Frederick F. Siebert . .	Junior Warden.
GLORE	Chauncey Hastings . .	Junior Warden.
GOLDEN FLEECE . . .	T. Frederick Martin . .	Senior Warden.
GOOD SAMARITAN . .	Daniel A. Emery . . .	Master.
	William D. Deadman . .	Junior Warden.
GRECIAN	Merrill N. Howe . . .	Master.
	Charles H. Littlefield . .	Proxy.
GREYLOCK	Lucius C. Rand . . .	Master.
HAMMATT	Richard F. Irish . . .	Junior Warden.
HAMPDEN	Lawrence W. Hatch . .	Master.
	Asher Bartlett	Senior Warden.
	Henry N. Sanger . . .	Junior Warden.
HAMPSHIRE.	John W. Lyman . . .	Master.
HARMONY	Henry J. Evans . . .	Master.
HAYDEN	Charles B. Carpenter . .	Master.
	Addison C. Foster . . .	Senior Warden.
	William F. Hayden . . .	Junior Warden.
HENRY PRICE	George T. Littlefield . .	Senior Warden.
	Ira A. Worth	Junior Warden.
HIRAM	George D. Tufts . . .	Master.
	John C. Hill	Senior Warden.
HOPE	Marcus H. Howe . . .	Junior Warden.
HOWARD	Stephen Sears	Master.
HYDE PARK	Fergus A. Easton . . .	Master.
	William H. Ingersoll . .	Senior Warden.
	Henry S. Bunton . . .	Proxy.
IONIC (Taunton) . . .	Charles H. Atwood . . .	Master.
IONIC (Easthampton)	George B. Drury . . .	Master.
	Emory Munyan	Senior Warden.

ISAAC PARKER . . .	Laroy Browne . . .	Master.
JAMES OTIS . . .	Russell Matthews . .	Master.
	John P. Washburn . .	Junior Warden.
JERUSALEM . . .	Samuel A. Phelps . .	Master.
JOHN ABBOT . . .	Charles H. Taylor . .	Senior Warden.
JOHN CUTLER . . .	Samuel E. Ring . .	Master.
	Albert F. Kelley . .	Senior Warden.
JOHN HANCOCK . . .	George W. Sawyer . .	Master.
JOHN T. HEARD . . .	Nathaniel Shatswell .	Senior Warden.
JORDAN . . .	S. A. Southwick . .	Senior Warden.
JOSEPH WARREN . . .	Albert Babbitt . .	Senior Warden.
KILWINNING . . .	Stephen G. Bailey . .	Senior Warden.
KING DAVID . . .	Alfred B. Hodges . .	Master.
KING HIRAM . . .	F. A. H. Gifford . .	Junior Warden.
KING SOLOMON . . .	William H. Stoodley .	Senior Warden.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands) . . .	Ambrose Davenport, Jr.	Master.
	Horatio W. Brown . .	Senior Warden.
	Samuel F. Ham . .	Junior Warden.
LAFAYETTE (North Adams) . . .	Cyrus F. Linsey . .	Junior Warden.
	Rufus G. Walden . .	Proxy.
LIBERTY . . .	William R. Driver . .	Junior Warden.
MARINERS . . .	Thomas Chatfield . .	Master.
	William Childs . .	Senior Warden.
	John M. Handy . .	Junior Warden.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	Daniel W. Stevens . .	Proxy.
MASSACHUSETTS . . .	Samuel A. B. Bragg . .	Master.
	Samuel W. Creech, Jr.	Junior Warden.
MAY FLOWER . . .	Warren H. Southworth	Junior Warden.
MERIDIAN . . .	Daniel H. L. Gleason .	Master.
	James M. Forbush . .	Junior Warden.
MERRIMACK . . .	Joshua M. Stover . .	Master.
	Benjamin F. Leighton .	Junior Warden.
MIZPAH . . .	George E. Ryder . .	Master.
MONITOR . . .	Joshua F. Moore . .	Senior Warden.
MONTACUTE . . .	George M. Taylor . .	Master.
	Henry D. Barber . .	Senior Warden.
	R. James Tatman . .	Junior Warden.
MONTGOMERY . . .	James M. Woods . .	Master.
MORNING STAR . . .	Horace A. Richardson .	Master.
	Clarke Earle . . .	Senior Warden.
	William H. Rice . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT CARMEL . . .	Charles E. Chase . .	Master.
	Charles C. Fry . .	Senior Warden.

MOUNT HERMON . .	William A. Webber .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HOLLIS . .	George M. French .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT HOLYOKE . .	Charles Church . .	Master.
	Lewis B. Hooker . .	Proxy.
MOUNT HOPE . . .	Henry Waring . . .	Master.
	Daniel Stevens . .	Senior Warden.
	William R. Robertson	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HOREB (Wo- burn)	A. V. Haynes . . .	Master.
	George M. Buchanan	Senior Warden.
	Charles H. Buss . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HORER (West Harwich)	Luther Fisk	Senior Warden.
MOUNT LEBANON . .	Warren B. Ellis . .	Senior Warden.
	James M. Drew . . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT MORIAH . .	Lyman W. Phelps . .	Master.
MOUNT OLIVET . .	James A. Martin . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT TABOR . . .	William D. Barrett .	Master.
	Martin M. Hancock .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT TOM	Charles H. Prentiss .	Master.
	William S. Perkins .	Senior Warden.
	Henry J. Sawtelle . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT VERNON . .	C. W. Dyer	Master.
	Edwin A. Kelley . .	Junior Warden.
MYSTIC	William H. Murray .	Proxy.
NEWTON	Chauncey E. Peck . .	Master.
NORFOLK UNION . .	Samuel A. Bates . .	Master.
	Ralph Houghton . .	Senior Warden.
	John T. Southworth .	Junior Warden.
NORTH STAR	Henry D. Marsh . . .	Master.
	Charming F. Grant . .	Senior Warden.
	Webster Brooks . . .	Junior Warden.
OLD COLONY	Charles W. S. Seymour	Master.
	Charles T. Burr . . .	Junior Warden.
OLIVE BRANCH . . .	Samuel E. Hull . . .	Senior Warden.
ORANGE	Henry M. Gibbs . . .	Master.
	Albert H. Davis . . .	Junior Warden.
ORIENT	George K. Bird . . .	Master.
	James A. Rhoads . . .	Senior Warden.
ORIENTAL	Grafton N. Collins . .	Senior Warden.
ORPHAN'S HOPE . .	Leavitt Bates	Master.
	Thomas H. Humphrey	Senior Warden.
	Alvah Raymond, Jr.	Junior Warden.
PACIFIC	Mirick N. Spear . . .	Master.
PALESTINE	Charles F. Atwood . .	Senior Warden.

PAUL DEAN . . .	John H. Swain . .	Senior Warden.
	J. D. Atwood . . .	Junior Warden.
PENTUCKET . . .	Frederick Frye . .	Master.
	Wesley R. Batchelder	Junior Warden.
PEQUOSSETTE . . .	Samuel F. Stearns .	Master.
	Robert F. Horne . .	Senior Warden.
PHENICIAN . . .	Caleb Saunders . .	Master.
PILGRIM	Shubael B. Kelley .	Master.
	Gideon H. Tripp . .	Senior Warden.
PLYMOUTH	Charles J. Litchfield.	Master.
	Josiah C. Fuller . .	Proxy.
PURITAN	Nathaniel Pratt . .	Master.
PUTNAM	Benjamin F. Atwood	Master.
QUABOAG	Edward F. Howard .	Master.
QUINEBAUG . . .	Pliny T. Litchfield .	Master.
QUINSIGAMOND . .	Henry C. Wadsworth	Master.
RABBONI	George W. Kingman	Master.
REPUBLICAN . . .	Francis J. Hosmer .	Junior Warden.
	Luther C. Pratt . .	Proxy.
REVERE	Joseph B. Mason . .	Master.
	William R. Cooke . .	Senior Warden.
RISING STAR . . .	Leander G. Britton .	Master.
ROBERT LASH . . .	John H. Roberts. . .	Master.
	Franklin O. Barnes .	Senior Warden.
	Frank B. Fernald . .	Junior Warden.
ROSWELL LEE . . .	Edward P. Chapin .	Master.
	John A. Hall . . .	Senior Warden.
	John Q. A. Sexton .	Junior Warden.
RURAL	E. W. H. Bass . . .	Master.
SAGGAHEW	William E. Blunt. . .	Senior Warden.
SAINT ANDREW'S . .	William Parkman, Jr.	Master.
SAINT BERNARD . .	John F. Pearl . . .	Master.
	Granville J. Underwood	Junior Warden.
SAINT JAMES . . .	Jacob A. Leonard . .	Master.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston)	William H. Thomes .	Master.
	Joseph N. Pierce, Jr.	Senior Warden.
SAINT JOHN'S (New-		
buryport)	Samuel A. Bridges .	Master.
	Nathaniel Tilden . .	Senior Warden.
SAINT MARK'S . . .	Charles W. Page . .	Master.
SAINT MARTIN'S . .	Harrison Hamilton .	Senior Warden.
SAINT MATTHEW'S .	George S. Cole . . .	Master.
SAINT PAUL (Ayer) .	Rector T. Bartlett .	Junior Warden.

SAINT PAUL'S (South Boston)	George S. Worcester	Master.
	Hollis R. Gray . . .	Senior Warden.
	James L. Wilson . . .	Junior Warden.
SILOAM	Charles E. Long.	Master.
	Henry Jackson . . .	Senior Warden.
	F. William Bullard .	Junior Warden.
SIMON W. ROBINSON	Augustus E. Scott .	Master.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE .	Daniel W. Taft . . .	Master.
	George L. Gibbs . . .	Senior Warden.
SPENCER	Edwin A. Hill . . .	Master.
	Charles H. Allen . . .	Senior Warden.
	Isaac Niles, Jr. . . .	Proxy.
STAR	Harding R. Barber .	Master.
	William H. Heustis .	Junior Warden.
STAR IN THE EAST .	A. H. W. Carpenter .	Master.
	Ezekiel C. Gardner .	Junior Warden.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	Philip G. Hsley . . .	Master.
STARR KING	Henry A. Brown . . .	Master.
	Samuel C. Weston . .	Junior Warden.
TEMPLE	Philander Nutter . .	Master.
	Samuel F. Ellis . . .	Junior Warden.
THOMAS	James B. Shaw . . .	Senior Warden.
TRINITY	Henry A. Putnam . .	Master.
	Henry O. Sawyer . . .	Senior Warden.
TUSCAN	George F. Talbot . .	Master.
	William S. Miller . .	Senior Warden.
UNION (Dorchester) .	Otis Eddy	Junior Warden.
UPTON	Henry C. Bowen . . .	Master.
WARREN	Charles P. Walker . .	Master.
	William Smeath . . .	Junior Warden.
WASHINGTON	Robert G. Molineux .	Master.
	Solomon A. Bolster .	Senior Warden.
WEBSTER	Samuel Slater	Master.
WILDER	Samuel Whittier . . .	Master.
WILLIAM NORTH . . .	Crawford Burnham .	Senior Warden.
WILLIAM PARKMAN .	Alfred W. Quimby . .	Master.
WILLIAM SUTTON . .	Albert H. Sweetser . .	Senior Warden.
WILLIAMS	George Brown	Master.
	C. Frank Town	Junior Warden.
WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	L. Cushing Kimball .	Master.
	John A. Conkey	Junior Warden.
WYOMING	Frederick J. Clayton	Junior Warden.
ZETLAND	Thomas Waterman, Jr.	Master.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at two o'clock P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

The records of the Quarterly Communication of September 9th, 1874, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Records of the Special Communications of October 17, 1874, at Saugus, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Town Hall; and October 19, 1874, at Pittsfield, to constitute Crescent Lodge, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

HYDE PARK, Hyde Park.	HAYDEN, Brookfield.
OCCIDENTAL, Stockbridge.	CHARLES RIVER, Medway.
NORTH STAR, Ashland.	GOLDEN FLEECE, Lynn.
LAFAYETTE, North Adams.	DAY SPRING, Monson.
HENRY PRICE, Charlestown.	BELCHER, Chicopee Falls.
CHARLES C. DAME, Georgetown.	

Proxies from the following Lodges were presented, and the Brethren therein named were recognized accordingly.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, North Adams, in favor of BRO. RUFUS G. WALDEN.

SPENCER LODGE, Spencer, in favor of BRO. ISAAC NILES, JR.

ATHELSTAN LODGE, Worcester, in favor of W. BRO. NATHANIEL G. TUCKER.

FRATERNAL LODGE, Hyannis, in favor of W. BRO. SAMUEL SNOW.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE, Vineyard Haven, in favor of REV. BRO. DANIEL W. STEVENS.

GRECIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. CHARLES H. LITTLEFIELD.

MOUNT HOLYOKE LODGE, South Hadley Falls, in favor of W. BRO. LEWIS B. HOOKER.

MYSTIC LODGE, Pittsfield, in favor of W. BRO. WILLIAM H. MURRAY.

ACONCAGUA LODGE, Valparaiso, Chili, in favor of W. BRO. INCREASE S. POTE.

REPUBLICAN LODGE, Greenfield, in favor of BRO. LUTHER C. PRATT.

The following petition for Charter was presented, and referred to the Committee on Charters.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR ANCHOR LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, bearing date November 28, 1874, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, 3 now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our proceedings, and a copy of our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution empowering us, with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of Anchor Lodge, of Wales, in the County of Hampden, to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties, at said Wales, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

GEORGE O. HENRY.

GEORGE A. HARVEY.

FRANK A. ROYCE.

JAMES A. JOHNSON.

CHARLES F. THOMPSON.

CHARLES G. NEEDHAM.

JUSTUS STEBBINS.

PETER W. MOORE.

WATSON W. NEEDHAM.

FRANK L. COBURN.

LOREN H. CLARK.

GEORGE B. CLARK.

ALBERT A. SMITH.

EUGENE CADY.

HORACE L. HILLS.

AARON B. JOHNSON.

ANDREW LEDOYT.

FRANCIS E. HOWE.

GEORGE W. HOBBS.

WALES, MASS., Dec. 7, 1874.

I hereby recommend that the prayer of the foregoing petitioners be granted.

JOHN WETHERBEE,
D. D. G. Master, District No. 18.

The following petition from St. John's Lodge, Boston, was submitted through the Grand Secretary, and referred to R. W. Brothers William S. Gardner, John T. Heard and Charles Levi Woodbury:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

At the regular monthly Communication of Saint John's Lodge, of Boston, held at Masonic Temple on the evening of the 7th of December, 1874, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master be requested to memorialize the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, that, whereas, doubt exists as to whether the copy of our ancient Charter is a true and correct one, the Grand Lodge be requested to examine into the matter, and give Saint John's Lodge a proper Charter, confirming it in its prestige from the year 1733.

In accordance with the above vote, the Worshipful Master of Saint John's Lodge respectfully and fraternally petitions the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to make such investigation as may be deemed expedient, so that a question of so much importance to the historical standing of this Lodge may be finally and satisfactorily settled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. THOMES,
W. M. Saint John's Lodge.

Boston, Dec. 8th, 1874.

The following proposed amendment to the Grand Constitutions was submitted through the Grand Secre-

tary, and was referred to R. W. Charles J. Danforth, W. Joseph B. Mason and W. George B. Ager:

Boston, December 3d, 1874.

*To the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of
Masons in Massachusetts.*

The undersigned respectfully petition your Honorable Body to amend Sec. 1st of Art. III., Part IV., of the Grand Constitutions so that the "Form of Petition" shall include answers to the following questions:

My full name is.....
My place of Residence.....
Date of Birth.....
Place of Birth.....
Occupation.....

GEORGE F. DAVIS,	Secretary of Washington Lodge.
CHARLES O. FOX,	" " Massachusetts Lodge.
WILLIAM MARTIN,	" " Columbian Lodge.
JAMES W. ALLEN,	" " St. John's Lodge (Boston).
HORACE SMITH,	" " St. Paul's Lodge (Boston).
JOHN D. WILLARD,	" " Lafayette Lodge (Boston).

The petition of Caleb Page, of Somerville, for formal healing, was presented and referred to the Committee on Healing.

The Auditing Committee presented their Annual Report, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, December 9th, 1874.

The Auditing Committee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge have attended to their duty, and respectfully submit the following report:

They have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to have been correctly and accurately kept, and his payments duly authorized and properly vouched.

For the year ending December 8, 1874, he charges himself with the following

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year	\$10,391.07
From rents, gas, heating and taxes	28,493.93
From District Deputy Grand Masters, for Returns	31,378.08
From Dispensations, Charters and Lodges under Dispensation	305.00
Dividends from failed Insurance Companies	439.20
From books sold	500.00
From old material sold	30.00
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Total Receipts	\$71,537.28
Less Payments	63,491.79
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Leaving cash on hand	\$8,045.49

The Grand Treasurer claims to be credited with the following

PAYMENTS.

Interest	\$23,380.67
Taxes	5,810.10
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters and other Grand Officers	1,953.24
Printing and binding	2,811.69

Furniture and regalia, and repairs on the Temple	1,437.02
Fuel, water and gas, and salary of engineer	4,038.57
Salary of Superintendent, and cleaning Temple	2,339.72
Salary of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary	3,000.00
Copying and engraving	867.00
Banquets at exemplification of work, and St. John's day .	875.00
Flowers and carriage hire at funerals of R. W. Bros. Moore and Thompson	42.81
Portrait of Gen. Warren purchased	100.00
Charity	1,600.00
Books purchased.	246.00
Third National Bank for note	15,000.00
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Total payments	\$63,491.79

The present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is as follows:

Mortgage to "Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston"	\$270,000.00
Due to Masonic Bodies	36,600.00
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	\$306,600.00
Less cash on hand	8,045.49
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Net indebtedness, December 8, 1874	\$298,554.51

Your Committee have further to report, that they have examined the records of the Recording Grand Secretary, and find them to have been properly kept and accurately transcribed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,
SAMUEL P. OLIVER,
HOCUM HOSFORD,

Committee.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report of the Sinking Fund, which was accepted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER ON SINKING FUND.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
December 9th, 1874.

The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year from the District Deputy Grand Masters:

For members' tax and commutation	\$20,679.50
Amount reported previously	144,753.75
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Making a total of receipts under decree passed March 13, 1867, of	\$165,433.25

All of which has been applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the debt upon the Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCLELLAN,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master read his Annual Report.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE,—By the favor of a kind Providence we are permitted to assemble on this, our one hundred and forty-first anniversary, without any cloud of sadness to temper the general joy. Since our last Quarterly Communication none of the bright and shining lights of this Grand Body have been extinguished in death; the past has been to most of the Lodges in this jurisdiction a year of unbroken harmony, of moderate prosperity and of healthful growth; while the future gives encouraging promise of a continuance of these fortunate conditions. The retrospect and the prospect are alike suggestive of emotions of pleasure and gratitude.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters represent the Lodges generally throughout the State to be in the most satisfactory condition. The study of the ritual has been prose-

cuted with greatly increased zeal and industry. Visits have been exchanged by the officers and most active members much more generally and frequently than heretofore. As a natural result generous emulation has been aroused and a marked improvement in the work has followed. In several of the Districts the Lodges have been assembled for the purpose of exemplifying the work and for mutual encouragement and instruction, under the supervision of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District and the direction of one of the Grand Lecturers. This plan was originated seven years ago by R. W. Brother Crafts, in the 10th District, and has been continued each year with the most satisfactory results. I renew the recommendation heretofore made that the practice be adopted in every District. I would suggest for your consideration the expediency of dispensing with the Annual Exemplification now held in Boston, on the day following the Annual Communication, and substituting an exemplification to be held annually in each District, at a time and by Lodges to be designated by the District Deputy Grand Master. In this way probably ten times as many Brethren could, and would, witness the work as now have the opportunity, and at much less expense to themselves.

MASONIC WORK PERFORMED.

During the past year I have acted officially on the following occasions :

1873, December 16. Attended the funeral services of R. W. Charles W. Moore. In the evening participated with St. Andrew's Lodge in the commemoration of the Boston Tea Party, the celebration being held on the site of the Green Dragon Tavern.

December 30. Presided at the Feast of St. John the Evangelist by the Grand Lodge.

1874, January 6. Visited Essex Lodge and installed the officers.

January 13. Dedicated the new hall of Webster Lodge, and installed the officers.

January 23. Installed the officers of Zetland Lodge, of Boston.
January 30. Constituted Concordia Lodge, dedicated its hall and installed the officers.

March 27. Visited Mt. Tabor Lodge, of East Boston.

March 31. Dedicated the new Masonic halls in Chelsea.

April 9. Constituted Phoenix Lodge, dedicated its hall and installed the officers.

April 14. Attended the funeral of R. W. Brother Newell A. Thompson.

June 18. Visited Mt. Olivet Lodge, Cambridge.

June 24. Dedicated the new Masonic Halls of Hampden and Roswell Lee Lodges, of Springfield.

July 27. Laid the corner-stone of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Somerville.

September 3. Officially visited Mt. Hermon Lodge, of Medford, in place of the District Deputy Grand Master.

September 24. Attended the exemplification of the work by the Lodges of the 10th District, at which all the Lodges of the District were represented.

October 6. Visited Baalbec Lodge, of East Boston, on the occasion of the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master.

October 17. Laid the corner-stone of the new Town Hall in Saugus.

October 19. Constituted Crescent Lodge, of Pittsfield, and installed the officers.

October 27. Visited Joseph Warren Lodge.

October 29. Visited Mt. Tabor Lodge.

November 13. Visited Winslow Lewis Lodge.

November 16. Visited Putnam Lodge, of East Cambridge.

November 17. Visited Wilder Lodge, of Leominster, in place of the District Deputy Grand Master.

November 25. Visited Old Colony Lodge, of Hingham, on the occasion of the official visitation by the District Deputy Grand Master.

November 27. Installed the officers of Winslow Lewis Lodge.

December 8. Visited Mt. Hope Lodge, of Fall River, on the occasion of the semi-centennial of its constitution.

During the past three years I have made eighty-two official visits, laid the corner-stones of two churches, one Masonic Temple, one Monument and one Town Hall, constituted thirteen Lodges, dedicated twenty-two Masonic Halls, installed the officers of nineteen Lodges, and attended the funeral services of five Grand Officers.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted the following Dispensations for new Lodges, and appointed the Brethren named as Masters and Wardens. Each of the petitions for Dispensation was recommended by the Lodge situated nearest to the place where the new Lodge was to be located, and was countersigned by the District Deputy Grand Master having jurisdiction.

NORFOLK LODGE, NEEDHAM. (Thirty-five petitioners).

Emery Grover,	Master.
J. EDWIN CHAPMAN,	Senior Warden.
EDWARD A. MILLS,	Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted May 18, 1874; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in June next.

COCHICHEWICK LODGE, NORTH ANDOVER. (Twelve petitioners).

LOCIS WEIL,	Master.
JOSEPH F. ALLEN,	Senior Warden.
JOHN PARKHURST,	Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted June 2, 1874; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in June next.

SPECIAL WARRANTS.

Special Warrants have been issued as follows:

To R. W. Daniel Upton, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 9, to dedicate the new Masonic Apartments of Globe Lodge, Hinsdale.

To R. W. William Parkman, Past Grand Master, to dedicate the Masonic Apartments of Star Lodge at Athol Depot.

To R. W. Henry Chickering, Past Grand Warden, to install

into his office R. W. Daniel Upton, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 9.

To R. W. William J. Sawin, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 10, to install into his office R. W. John Wetherbee, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 18.

To R. W. William C. Blanchard, Past District Deputy Grand Master for China, to install into his office R. W. Ithamar B. Eames, District Deputy Grand Master for China.

To W. James Crichton, Master of Bethesda Lodge, Valparaiso to install into his office R. W. H. Plunket Bouchier, District Deputy Grand Master for Chili.

To R. W. Daniel Upton, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 9, to dedicate the new Masonic Hall of Williams Lodge at Williamstown.

To R. W. Joseph B. Knox, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 11, to formally heal Daniel T. Witherbee, of Westborough, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June, 1874.

To R. W. Bowdoin S. Parker, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 8, to formally heal S. E. Monier, of Greenfield, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June, 1874.

To R. W. George L. Rhoads, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 13, to formally heal C. S. Brewster, of North Attleborough, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge in June, 1874.

To R. W. William J. Sawin, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 10, to dedicate the new Masonic Apartments of Mount Holyoke Lodge at South Hadley Falls.

RETURNS MADE ON SPECIAL WARRANTS.

By returns made on the foregoing Special Warrants it appears:

That the new Masonic Hall of Globe Lodge was dedicated to the purposes of Masonry, in a Deputy Grand Lodge opened at

Hinsdale, by R. W. Daniel Upton, Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, on Friday the twenty-third day of January, 1874.

That the new Masonic Apartments of Star Lodge were dedicated to Masonic purposes, in a Deputy Grand Lodge opened at Athol Depot, by R. W. William Parkman, Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, on Friday, the twenty-third day of January, 1874.

That R. W. Daniel Upton was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Mystic Lodge at Pittsfield, on Tuesday the third day of March, 1874, by R. W. Henry Chickering.

That R. W. John Wetherbee was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Belcher Lodge, at Chicopee Falls, on Monday, the second day of February, 1874, by R. W. William J. Sawin.

That R. W. Ithamar B. Eames was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master for China, within the body of Ancient Landmark Lodge, at Shanghai, on Saturday, the twenty-fifth day of July, 1874, by R. W. William C. Blanchard.

That R. W. H. Plunket Bouchier was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master for Chili, within the body of Bethesda Lodge, at Valparaiso, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of May, 1874, by W. James Crichton.

That the new Masonic Hall of Williams Lodge was dedicated to Masonic purposes, in a Deputy Grand Lodge opened at Williamstown, by R. W. Daniel Upton, Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, on Wednesday, the first day of July, 1874.

That Daniel T. Witherbee was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form under the supervision of R. W. Joseph B. Knox, within the body of Quinsigamond Lodge, at Worcester, on Friday, the seventeenth day of July, 1874.

That S. E. Monier was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by R. W. Bowdoin S. Parker, within the body of Republican Lodge at Greenfield, on Saturday, the third day of October, 1874.

That C. S. Brewster was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by R. W. George L. Rhoads, within the body of Bristol Lodge, at North Attleborough, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of September, 1874.

That the new Masonic Apartments of Mount Holyoke Lodge were dedicated to Masonic purposes, in a Deputy Grand Lodge opened at South Hadley Falls, by R. W. William J. Sawin, Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of July, 1874.

FINANCES.

The Grand Treasurer's books show the following

RECEIPTS.

From balance of cash from last year	\$10,391.07
From Dispensations, Charters and Lodges, U. D.	305.00
From insurance premiums returned	439.20
From books sold	500.00
From old materials sold	30.00
From D. D. G. Masters, for Returns	31,378.08
From rents, gas, heating and taxes	28,493.93
Total receipts	<u>\$71,537.28</u>

The Grand Treasurer produces the proper vouchers for the following

PAYMENTS.

For interest	\$23,380.67
For blank books	89.50
For salaries of G. Treasurer and Recording Grand Secretary	3,000.00
For taxes	5,810.10
For binding	534.27
Amount carried forward	<u>\$32,814.54</u>

Amount brought forward	\$32,814.54
For collations and Feast of St. John	875.09
For printing and engraving	2,302.39
For coal	1,400.29
For library	216.50
For portrait of Gen. Warren and frame	118.00
For repairs on Temple	1,155.46
For furniture and repairs on same	219.00
For regalia	134.85
For expenses of Grand Officers	631.58
For Grand Tyler	72.50
For engineer	1,232.73
For charity	1,600.00
For note due Third National Bank	15,000.00
For copying and engrossing	867.00
For ice and water	93.27
For gas	1,193.09
For superintendence and cleaning of Temple	2,291.12
For expenses of D. D. G. Masters	1,243.16
For sundries	31.31
Total payments	\$63,491.79
Leaving a balance of cash on hand	8,045.49
	<u>\$71,537.28</u>

Slight variations will be observed in the amounts of some of these items as compared with the corresponding ones in the Report of the Auditing Committee, owing to a difference in classification. The two statements were made up independently and without consultation. It was deemed best to submit them exactly as they were prepared. By the Report of the Committee it appears that the present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, less cash on hand, is \$298,554.51; showing a reduction of the debt during the past year of \$12,654.42, during the past three years of \$27,981.42, and since December, 1867, of \$101,158.78.

NUMBER OF INITIATES AND AFFILIATED MEMBERS.

The whole number of initiates during the year 1874 is 1722, being 29 more than for the year 1873. The present number of affiliated members is 25,451, being an increase of 1,224.

EXPENSES OF MEETINGS OF D. D. G. MASTERS.

I have approved bills for the expenses of the quarterly meetings of the D. D. G. Masters as follows:

December, 1873	\$103.08
March, 1874	70.00
June 1874	77.15
September 1874	75.00
Total	<u>\$325.23</u>

RETURNS OF THE D. D. G. MASTERS.

The Returns of the D. D. G. Masters for the year 1874

Amount to	\$31,378.08
For the year 1873 they were	<u>30,442.99</u>
Showing a gain for the present year of	\$935.09

PRINTING THE RECORDS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Several of the younger Grand Lodges of the United States, finding their published Proceedings to be out of print and in great demand, have caused them to be reprinted and are thus enabled to furnish unbroken series of their publications, which are eagerly sought, for the libraries of Grand Bodies as well as those of individual Brethren. The Proceedings of Grand Lodges whose Records go back to the last century are demanded with still greater earnestness. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut completed in 1861 the reprinting of its Records from 1789 to 1854. The Grand Lodge of Florida reprinted its Proceedings from 1830 to 1859 in the latter year. During the present year the Grand Lodge of Illinois has reprinted its Proceedings from 1840 to 1860. In 1861 the Grand Lodge of Indiana reprinted its Proceedings from 1817 to 1845. Those of the Grand Lodge of Iowa from 1844 to 1858 were reprinted in the latter year. In 1872 the Grand Lodge of Maine reprinted its

Proceedings from 1820 to 1847. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska reprinted its Proceedings in 1867 from 1857. In 1869 the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire completed the reprinting of its Proceedings from 1789 to 1856 inclusive. In 1870 the Grand Lodge of New Jersey reprinted its Proceedings from 1786 to 1857. In 1857 the Grand Lodge of Ohio reprinted its Proceedings from 1808. In 1873 the Grand Lodge of Tennessee reprinted its Proceedings from 1813 to 1847. In 1860 the Grand Lodge of Texas reprinted its Proceedings from 1837 to 1857. The Grand Lodge of Virginia has during the present year reprinted its Proceedings from 1777 to 1823. At its last Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of New York authorized the printing of its Proceedings to 1852 by Kane Lodge, at the expense of the latter. To that excellent Lodge and its industrious and enthusiastic Past Master, Brother Robert H. Thomas, the Fraternity are greatly indebted for the reprinting, at their own charge, of numerous Proceedings of Masonic Bodies which we could not otherwise have obtained.

For years the appeals to our Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries have been frequent and earnest for the printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. These appeals have come from many of the other jurisdictions as well as our own, and it has for years been the hope of each Grand Master in succession, that this important work might be accomplished under his administration. On the occasion of his first installation in December, 1856, R. W. John T. Heard referred to the subject in the following language: "I would bring to your consideration the expediency of printing the Records of the Grand Lodge, including those of St. John's and Massachusetts Grand Lodges. This might be done in a manner similar to that adopted for the publication of the Colonial Records under authority of the State government. The work should be given to a competent and discreet editor, and would be one of rare interest and usefulness. Thus the foundation of the history of our Order would be preserved, affording exact data, and rich material for him who should undertake to write it." At the Quarterly

Communication in September, 1857, the committee on the Grand Master's Address recommended that the further consideration of this subject be indefinitely postponed and their report was adopted. The principal reasons urged against the proposition were, the great expense, which the poverty of our Treasury would not warrant, and the danger that the information afforded might be used to our injury in some future anti-Masonic persecution.

At the Annual Communication in December following, Grand Master Heard replied to the arguments of the committee in the most convincing terms. As that Address is now out of print and the considerations presented have even more force at the present time, I quote all that relates to this subject:

"On the expediency of printing our Records, to which I invited your attention in December last, the committee to whom my address was referred have reported adversely. They object to the measure, *first*, because the advantages would be disproportioned to the cost; *secondly*, because the Records are not intended for public inspection, would not interest the general reader, and, being in the hands of our enemies, might be used to our hurt; *thirdly*, that our Treasury is not in a condition to respond to so large a draft as would be required to complete a work of this magnitude; and, *fourthly*, that 'our funds are sacredly dedicated to the poor and indigent, and cannot rightfully be applied to any purpose which has not this object distinctly in view.' The objections of the committee have received my respectful consideration, but have failed to convince me that the printing of our Records is improper or inexpedient. As I still view the work proposed as one calculated to benefit our Order, I beg to notice the reasons contained in the report of the committee unfavorable thereto.

"It is said that the advantages would be disproportioned to the cost: what would be the advantages? The diffusion among the Fraternity of the knowledge of the origin and early career of Freemasonry in America, of much of its history here for a century and a quarter; and of the evidences of steady persistence in maintaining and carrying out, in adversity and prosperity,

our benevolent principles, by noble men whose deeds and names ought not to be forgotten, are among some of the benefits which will be secured by the publication suggested. Freemasonry in Massachusetts has a brilliant and instructive history; and the examples it affords ought to be carried into every Lodge in our Commonwealth. Not a mere transcript of the Records is what I would recommend, for much that is in them would be useless. The Records alone would not give all the material, but there should be interwoven into them valuable documents which are upon our files, something of contemporaneous history and of biographical interest. The biographies of Price, Warren and Cutler, which are a part of the appendix to our new edition of the Constitutions, and for which we are indebted to the labors of our learned Brother Charles W. Moore, show what may be produced from our Records and other materials now accessible to us, by skillful hands. But the foundation of these valuable personal histories was obtained from the Records; and had these not been preserved, nearly all that we now know of the Masonic relations of these Grand Masters, could not have been written. Let the cumbrous manuscript volumes which contain the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be now destroyed, a full authentic and faithful account of our Institution in Massachusetts and in America can never be given. This consideration alone, would point to the measure of printing, as recommended, as an advantage which no intelligent Mason would disregard. Did the abstract of our Proceedings, now published annually and embracing nearly all that would interest the Masonic reader, go back to 1733, the present question of printing would not probably exist. But unfortunately, until within a few years it has not given our transactions with that fullness which a proper knowledge of them required. In the edition of our Constitutions published in 1798, is a meagre historical record of St. John's Grand Lodge, Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and of the United Grand Lodges, which reflects so little of what we feel assured must have been the character and influence of our Society during the important period to which it relates, that I may, without injustice, pro-

nounce it as unworthy to be called its history. From 1798 to 1830, there is, in printed form, scarcely a trace of the doings of our Brethren to be found. Subsequently, we begin to see detached accounts of Lodges and of this Body in Brother Moore's Magazine; but we look in vain for any connected and regular recital of their Proceedings. Now, the printing of our Records will supply many of these deficiencies, and give us, in a convenient form the means of obtaining a better knowledge than we now have of the acts of our predecessors. Advantages so great would justify much cost to secure them. The committee do not, however, estimate the cost; nor do I deem it important that they did not. From about ninety Lodges, and over five thousand Masons in this jurisdiction, a subscription list would be formed adequate to sustain the work without help from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge. As a private undertaking, it would, most probably, be amply remunerative, especially as then efforts would be made to increase the subscriptions beyond our jurisdiction.

"It is objected that 'the Records are not intended for public inspection, would not interest the general reader, and, being in the hands of our enemies, might be used to our hurt.' In the enunciation of these sentiments, the committee appears to have been controlled by fears similar to those which actuated our English Brethren to destroy valuable records lest they might be seen by the uninitiated. In 1718, it was proposed to compile for publication the history, charges, regulations, &c., of England, and the Grand Master 'desired any Brethren to bring to the Grand Lodge any old writing and records concerning Masons and Masonry, in order to show the usages of ancient times;' and it is related that in 1719, 'at some private Lodges, several very valuable manuscripts (for they had nothing yet in print) concerning the Fraternity, their Lodges, Regulations, Charges, Secrets and Usages, (particularly one writ by Mr. Nicholas Stone, the Warden of Inigo Jones), were too hastily burnt by some scrupulous Brothers, that those papers might not fall into strange hands.' It is lamentable that our trans-Atlantic Brethren had so little confidence in the discernment and prudence of

their Grand Lodge; for had it been otherwise, much of the history of our Order would have been preserved that is now irrecoverably lost. Let us profit by this untoward example, and not neglect that which our successors could rightly claim of us as our duty. I propose not to invade the arcana of Freemasonry, nor to place ourselves in the slightest degree in the power of our enemies, if we have any; on the contrary, I advocate the doing of that which will, while we preserve our mysteries intact, cement together and strengthen the Fraternity and render us impregnable against the assaults of adversaries. I recommend that 'the work should be given to a competent and discreet editor;' and if entrusted to such a person—a Brother selected by authority of this Grand Lodge—there can be no doubt that our interests and safety will be scrupulously regarded and protected.

"Again the committee object that the means in our Treasury will not warrant so great an outlay as the work proposed would require. There having been no estimate made as to the expenditure requisite, it is difficult to determine this point, even if the whole of it were to be defrayed from our funds and no part of it to be contributed by subscribers. But I will venture to predict that the receipt of the Treasury for the present year, beyond the amount of our current expenses, will more than equal the entire cost of publication; and should doubts be entertained as to the suitableness of an appropriation for such a purpose, I would ask whether it would not be as productive of good to the Institution as rich regalia and costly pageants? I do not disparage the application of our money for decoration and reasonable Masonic display; but wish to direct attention to a comparison of the advantages to be derived from them, with those to be realized from an authentic exposition of the labors of the Craft during a most interesting period of its existence

"The last objection of the committee is that which declares that our funds are sacredly dedicated to the poor and indigent. To this proposition I beg to dissent most emphatically. Having already expressed my views as to the nature and objects of our

Institution, I will only observe here, that though it is benevolent in its intentions, and seeks to ensure morality among its members, its high object or distinguishing characteristic is to cultivate the social virtues and bring mankind together in the bonds of brotherhood. Everything that will tend to increase its social condition should be made subservient to that end. If, therefore the opening of the pages of our past, and presenting the virtues thereon recorded, as examples to our Brethren of to-day and their successors, will contribute to that cementation which will unite them 'into one sacred band, or society of friends and Brothers,' any means that we can command, to effect an object so desirable, will not be misapplied."

The argument of Brother Heard seems conclusive; but no action was taken by the Grand Lodge. Probably its poverty, but not its will, consented to adhere to the previous conclusion. But our financial condition is gradually growing stronger. We no longer need to feel any anxiety as to the payment of principal or interest of our debt, and the time is rapidly approaching when we may feel warranted in appropriating such sums as may be necessary for purposes legitimately requiring the care and attention of the Grand Lodge and not immediately connected with its pressing necessities and liabilities. Prominent among these objects is, in my judgment, the maintenance of the claim of Massachusetts to have been the fountain head from which sprang the Masonry of this country, after the re-organization in England in 1717. This claim has recently been attacked from various quarters; in some cases by young Brethren whom a "little knowledge" has led to hasty and unwarranted conclusions, and in other cases by some who are from inclination, habit and very nature unbelievers and destructives. The most effectual answer to these assailants, and the only one consistent with our dignity, is the production of such evidence as may be afforded by our records and archives. In the hands of a competent committee the result cannot fail to be a valuable contribution to the Masonic history of the country and one which the Fraternity has a right to expect from us at the earliest period possible.

I trust you may deem the subject entitled to immediate action on your part.

RETURNS FOR GRAND LODGE REGISTER.

Soon after our Quarterly Communication in June last blanks were issued to the Secretaries of Lodges calling for the information required for a Register of membership throughout the State. In many cases a response to this call involved great labor. I have therefore been highly gratified by the promptness and cheerfulness with which the Secretaries have complied with our request. All have seemed to appreciate the importance of the end sought to be accomplished and have contributed their proportion of the labor without a murmur. Already more than half of the returns have been received, giving the information desired with a fullness and completeness leaving little to be supplied. An additional advantage gained will be the commencement of accurate Lodge Registers which, it is to be hoped, may hereafter be scrupulously continued.

CHARTER REGISTER.

The labor of copying the Charters of Lodges throughout the jurisdiction has been completed, and we have now on record, in books expressly prepared for the purpose, an attested copy of every Charter now in force. Such a register from the commencement of our history would be invaluable.

REQUESTS FOR LISTS OF MEMBERS.

Frequent enquiries have been made of late in regard to the expediency or propriety of furnishing lists of members of Lodges at the request of others than officers of our own jurisdiction entitled to call for them. Almost invariably the purpose aimed at is the promotion of some mercenary scheme, and the Secretary who complies with such a request will soon find that the members of his Lodge are beset by book peddlers or over-

whelmed by advertising schemes. Neither duty nor courtesy requires a Secretary to pay any attention to such solicitations.

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE.

Brothers Jackson and Dale, of the firm of Jackson, Dale & Co., bookbinders of this city, have presented to the Grand Lodge the elegant copy of the Holy Scriptures which now adorns the altar. The letter accompanying this most acceptable gift is as follows:

Boston, December 9, 1874.

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

BRETHREN. — Please accept through your M. W. Grand Master, Sereho D. Nickerson, Esq., the accompanying Bible, as a token of our respect and esteem, with our best wishes for the prosperity of the Fraternity.

Fraternally yours, THEODORE JACKSON,
JOHN P. DALE.

It is an Oxford Bible, bound in the most elegant style, and the gift is creditable alike to their mechanical skill and liberality of spirit.

PORTRAIT OF P. G. MASTER ROBINSON.

The Brethren will observe that another portrait graces our walls, that of Brother Simon W. Robinson, who was Grand Master in 1846, 1847 and 1848, and died in 1868. It was painted by Brother J. Harvey Young, a member of Joseph Warren Lodge, of Boston, and is the contribution of Mount Lebanon Lodge, of this city, of which Lodge Brother Robinson was Master for several years. It will be recognized as a most faithful likeness and is a valuable addition to our collection.

DISPENSATION REFUSED.

An application was made to me some time since for a Dispensation to form a new Lodge in the town of West Boylston, but I felt compelled to decline to grant it. The town has a population of about 3,000, and, being a manufacturing village, a large proportion of the inhabitants are women and children. It is only six miles distant from the city of Worcester, where there are four Lodges, and on other sides there are Lodges but little farther removed. It seemed to me, therefore, that the jurisdiction was too limited, and that after a short time the supply of candidates must be exhausted, and the Lodge fall into decay. The principal argument in favor of the proposed Lodge seemed to be the promotion of the convenience of the Brethren resident in West Boylston, who now seek their Lodge privileges in Worcester. I cannot believe it for the interest of the Fraternity to have Lodges crowded closely together, or to have many of them located in small places. I am happy to say that the Brethren interested very cheerfully yielded their wishes to my views of the best interests of the Order.

THANKS TO GRAND OFFICERS.

The past three years have been years of great labor, but full of pleasant memories. I trust they may prove to have brought some benefit to the Craft of this jurisdiction. If any success has attended my administration of affairs, a large portion of the credit is due to the Grand Officers who have so faithfully and efficiently supported me. During the whole term our organization has remained almost unchanged, and unbroken harmony has prevailed. They have generally accompanied me on my numerous official visits, and by their presence and services have greatly contributed to the pleasure of the Brethren whom we have visited. I am under special obligations in this respect to the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens. The Recording Grand Secretary, in addition to the prompt and

faithful discharge of the duties of his own office, has deserved my hearty thanks for the acceptable manner in which he has performed those of Grand Chaplain whenever requested. In that capacity he has officiated on almost every occasion when we have constituted a Lodge, dedicated a hall or laid a cornerstone, as well as on many other occasions of less importance. To the Grand Marshal also I am under very great obligations, since he has always accompanied me on my official visits, and by his thorough knowledge and prompt discharge of his duties has, from the first, relieved me of all care on that score. To Past Grand Masters Coolidge and Parkman my grateful acknowledgments are also due, who by their presence and timely words have often added dignity and interest to my visitations.

To the Grand Lodge I return my hearty thanks for their many marks of confidence, and especially for the honor conferred by election to that office which I am now about to resign to another; and to the Craft throughout the jurisdiction I beg to express my keen appreciation of the courtesy and cordiality which they have always manifested towards me, and of the cheerfulness with which they have yielded to my opinions and decisions, even when they were somewhat distasteful to them.

In conclusion, allow me to express the hope that the years of my administration may prove as profitable to the Craft as they have been pleasant to the Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON,

Grand Master.

On motion of R. W. William S. Gardner, it was *Voted*, That so much of the foregoing address of the Grand Master as relates to the printing of the Records of the Grand Lodge be referred to the Board of Directors, with full powers.

R. W. Henry Chickering moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Brothers Theodore Jackson and John P. Dale, for the very acceptable gift received from them for the use of the Grand Lodge, and the motion unanimously prevailed.

In accordance with the foregoing vote, the following communication has been forwarded to each of the Brethren named:

BOSTON, Dec. 10, 1874.

MESSESS. THEODORE JACKSON and JOHN P. DALE :

Dear Brethren, — Your letter of the 9th inst., together with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, was duly received by me, and presented to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication on that day. It was thereupon unanimously voted to accept the beautiful and very appropriate gift, and to present to you the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the same.

In communicating to you this action, I beg to advise you that this is no mere formal announcement, but that the Brethren appreciated very highly the generous spirit which prompted the gift, and the perfection of skillful workmanship with which the design was executed. As our attention is drawn to the Great Light upon our altar, I doubt not that we shall be often gratefully reminded of the well-known, curious artificers who have so beautifully displayed it.

With the assurance of my own appreciation and gratitude, I remain,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Grand Master.

The Recording Grand Secretary moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Mount Leb-

anon Lodge, of Boston, for the gift of the portrait of Past Grand Master Simon W. Robinson, and the motion unanimously prevailed.

In accordance with the foregoing vote, the following communication has been forwarded to the W. Master, Wardens and members of Mount Lebanon Lodge:

BOSTON, Dec. 10, 1874.

TO THE W. MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, OF BOSTON:

Dear Brethren, — At the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, held on the 9th inst., I had the pleasure to call attention to the portrait of our R. W. Brother Simon W. Robinson, the gift of your Lodge.

That honored Brother was Grand Master of this jurisdiction during the years 1846, 1847 and 1848; and, although nearly a generation has passed away since he resigned the Chair, the sweet remembrance of his virtues yet lingers in the memory of some of his Brethren, and the evidence of his valuable services is placed on perpetual record in our archives. We unite with you in thus rendering honor to your Past Master and our Past Grand Master.

I take great pleasure in communicating the acceptance of your valuable gift, and the hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge for the same.

I beg also to assure you of my personal appreciation of the liberality of your Lodge, and of its hearty sympathy in every plan for the promotion of the usefulness and honor of the Fraternity.

With the sincerest wishes for your continued harmony and prosperity, I am,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Grand Master.

On motion of R. W. George Washington Warren, so much of the Grand Master's Annual Address as had not been already referred, was referred to a committee, consisting of R. W. George Washington Warren, R. W. William T. R. Marvin, and R. W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the Annual election of Grand Officers, as fixed by the Grand Constitutions, having arrived, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for ten minutes.

On resuming labor, the Recording Grand Secretary reported the whole number of votes that might be cast for Grand Officers to be five hundred and seventy six, viz:

Grand Officers present	36
Permanent members present	27
One hundred and seventy-one Lodges represented	513
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The Grand Master appointed as Tellers to receive, sort and count the votes for Grand Master, R. W. Charles J. Danforth, W. William J. Stevens, and W. William H. Thomes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Master to be five hundred and nine, four hundred and ninety-seven of which were for R. W.

Percival Lowell Everett, of Boston, and he was declared to be elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master appointed as the Committee to wait upon the Grand Master elect, and present him to the Grand East:

R. W. WINSLOW LEWIS,	Past Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN T. HEARD	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	" " "
R. W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "

The Committee, with the Grand Marshal and the Grand Stewards, waited upon the Grand Master elect, and conducted him to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising.

The Grand Master announced to the Grand Master elect his election in the words following:

R. W. BROTHER EVERETT, — The Brethren of this Grand Lodge having, with great unanimity, elected you to the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year, I congratulate you upon this distinguished proof of their confidence. To be selected to preside over so large, so venerable and so respectable a Body as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is an honor of which any Brother may well be proud, especially when he recalls the names of the many eminent Brethren who filled the Chair during the first hundred years of our history. To connect one's name with such a roll of honor is, in my judgment, a worthy object of ambition.

While I felicitate you upon the attainment of such honors, I cannot refrain from expressing the gratification I feel in the confidence that the superintendence and government of the

Fraternity in this Commonwealth (in whose prosperity long service has given me a deep and lively interest) is to be entrusted to one so thoroughly imbued with the true Masonic spirit, and so competent to discharge the various and arduous duties devolving upon him. At the same time, I congratulate the Grand Lodge on securing for the coming year the disinterested services of a Grand Master who is a lover of the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed, and especially zealous for the honor and reputation of this particular branch of it.

Entertaining these sentiments, my Brother, we welcome you to this new dignity; we promise a cheerful and hearty support in the discharge of your duties, and a ready obedience to the commands of our new Grand Master.

The Grand Master elect responded in the words following:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE, — If I have rendered any services to this Grand Lodge, I have already been more than repaid by appointment to the office which I have held, through your kindness, Most Worshipful, during the past three years. And now, Brethren, that you have conferred upon me the highest gift in your power, I can truly say that words cannot express to you my thanks for this great compliment.

Perhaps it may not be improper for me to say now, what may not be in good taste for me to say after I shall have been installed—and I say it with all due respect to our sister Grand Lodges and all other Masonic organizations—that, in my opinion, the highest position in Masonry on this continent is that of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. You may therefore understand that I appreciate this honor, and will do all that in me lies to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and the welfare of this grand old Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Grand Master appointed as committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Senior Grand War-

den, R. W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., W. Thomas W. Davis and R. W. William T. R. Marvin.

On motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, it was *Voted*, That the calling of the list of Lodges be dispensed with in voting for the remaining elective officers.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Senior Grand Warden to be three hundred and fifty-seven, of which R. W. William J. Sawin, of Chicopee Falls, had three hundred and fifty-four, and he was declared elected Senior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

R. W. Samuel C. Lawrence, W. Joseph B. Mason and W. J. Eliot Bond were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Junior Grand Warden.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Junior Grand Warden to be three hundred and thirty-seven, of which three hundred and thirty were for R. W. Lucius W. Lovell, of Wollaston Heights, and he was declared elected Junior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

R. W. Wyzeman Marshall, W. Otis E. Weld and W. William D. Barrett were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Grand Treasurer.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Treasurer to be two hundred and sixty-five, all of which were for R. W. John McClellan, of

Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The same committee was appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for Recording Grand Secretary.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Recording Grand Secretary to be three hundred and eighty-three, all of which were for R. W. Charles H. Titus, of Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Recording Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

R. W. Edward Avery, W. Thomas Waterman, Jr., and W. Theodore L. Kelley, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for four Directors. two of each class, to be elected for two years.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Directors to be one hundred and seventy-eight; that R. W. Charles Levi Woodbury, of Boston, of the first class, had one hundred and seventy-eight; that R. W. Samuel C. Lawrence, of Medford, of the first class, had one hundred and seventy-eight; that R. W. William F. Salmon, of Lowell, of the second class, had one hundred and seventy-eight; that R. W. Henry Endicott, of Cambridgeport, of the second class, had one hundred and seventy-eight; and they were severally declared to be unanimously elected Directors for the term of two years.

R. W. Bowdoin S. Parker W. William H. Thomes and Bro. William P. Jones, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Auditing Committee.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Auditing Committee to be one hundred and thirty-one, all of which were for W. Hocum Hosford, of Lowell, R. W. Samuel P. Oliver of Boston, and Otis E. Weld, of Boston, and they were declared to be unanimously elected Auditing Committee for the year ensuing.

The Grand Master elect being, *ex-officio*, a Director and President of the Board, on motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge proceeded to fill the existing vacancy in the elective members of the Board.

R. W. William D. Coolidge, W. E. Dana Bancroft, and R. W. Abraham H. How and, Jr., were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for one Director.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Director to be one hundred and seventy-six, all of which were for M. W. Sereno Dwight Nickerson of Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Director for one year.

R. W. Tracy P. Cheever, in behalf of the Committee on Healing, submitted the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALING, ON THE PETITION OF CALEB PAGE, OF SOMERVILLE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

December 9, 1874.

The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of Caleb Page, of Somerville, for formal healing, having examined the petition and accompanying documents, respectfully report :

That the petitioner sets forth that in May, 1863, he made an application for the degrees in Masonry to John Abbot Lodge, of Somerville, which application was rejected in September of the same year; that in January, 1865, he made a second application to the same Lodge, which was rejected in February of the following year; that in the summer of the year 1866, he was recommended by friends and acquaintances residing in this Commonwealth, who were Master Masons, to apply for the degrees outside of this jurisdiction; that he inquired of these friends "what course he must pursue, as he was entirely unacquainted with Masonic law and usages;" that he was informed by them that "he had only to make an application in the same manner as had been made by him before, and no permission was necessary from any Lodge in Massachusetts;" that, believing that he was acting in no violation of Masonic law or usage, he afterwards, to wit, in August, 1866, applied for the degrees to Zetland Lodge, in Shediac, New Brunswick, was admitted and received the degrees, a certificate of which, issued under direction of the Grand Lodge of England, he now holds; that only since his reception of the degrees in Zetland Lodge has he learned that they were irregularly given and received, and that he cannot be recognized by this Grand Lodge, by reason of this irregularity. It does not appear in the petition as a *fact*, that the petitioner did not obtain the permission of the Grand Master of this Commonwealth to make his application to the foreign Lodge, but the absence of such permission is doubtless to be

assumed. Here, then, is a case of a person twice rejected in a Lodge under this jurisdiction, who has been recommended by friends, Master Masons here, to apply to a foreign Lodge, as if no application had been previously made by him and rejected, and with the assurance from these *friends* that no permission was necessary from any Lodge in Massachusetts. The deprecation, "Save me from my friends," which has been sometimes resolved into a maxim, surely has a strong personal application in the case of this petitioner. The influence of their indiscreet and ignorant advice, however, does not stop with the petitioner. It has not only led *him* into a pitfall, out of which he can only be extricated by the arm of the Grand Lodge, but has brought discredit upon the Masonic intelligence and common sense of the Brethren by whom it was given, and, not very indirectly, upon the entire jurisdiction. It is certainly not creditable to us, at this day and under the general diffusion of the knowledge of the elementary principles of Masonic law and usage in this Commonwealth, that such *ignorantia crassa* as was involved in the recommendations given to this petitioner can be asserted of any man claiming to be a Mason under this jurisdiction. Should such density of ignorance in regard to the simplest matters continue, it may be necessary to establish sodalities of elementary jurisprudence in every Lodge, to promote knowledge in this direction, in the same manner as the ceremonial work of Masonry is promoted by ritualistic sodalities. After the petitioner had received his degrees, as before stated, in the New Brunswick Lodge, (of the extent of whose fault in the matter we are unable to judge, in consequence of the absence of the fact of knowledge of the circumstances on their part,) and after he had discovered the illegality of his status as a Mason in this Commonwealth, he sought to relieve himself, not by a formal healing, but by a full and perfect one, namely, that of taking the degrees *de novo*; to which end he made a *third* application to John Abbot Lodge in January, 1873, which third application was also rejected by that Lodge in March following. It appears by the statement of the

Secretary of John Abbot Lodge, appended to the petition, that, upon the occasion of each of the petitioner's applications, the matter was referred to leading and discreet members of the Lodge, such as W. Past Masters John K. Hall, Selwin Z. Bowman and Henry J. Woods, Bros. Geo. O. Brastow, Thomas Cunningham, Charles S. Lincoln, George L. Baxter, and Rev. Bro. Geo. H. Emerson; and that, in every instance, their report was favorable. The Past Masters and most widely known Brethren of the Lodge have concurred in signing a recommendation, which is appended, vouching for the petitioner as in every way worthy, and urging that he may be healed. There is also annexed to the petition the vote of John Abbot Lodge at its Regular Communication in October last, which recommends that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. These documents undoubtedly present a substantial case in favor of the petitioner's character and worth, and tend strongly to induce the belief that his threefold rejection was the result of prejudice or misunderstanding. The case presented, therefore, is that of a worthy man, unfortunately rejected by the Lodge holding jurisdiction over him, having no knowledge of the Masonic law which controls him as well as all others, misled and misdirected by friends whose duty it was to know that law, and thus, by no wrongful intent on his part, placed in a false and wrongful position, from which he seeks to be relieved in the only legitimate manner. If he be truly worthy, as is abundantly shown, and if he obtained his degrees in the foreign Lodge in good faith and with no intent to violate the laws and regulations of this jurisdiction, he comes within the principles which have always governed this Grand Lodge in similar cases. For the evil advice of his friends, for that stupidity against which the gods themselves are said "to contend in vain," we should not hold him responsible.

Your committee respectfully recommend the granting of the petition.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
FREDERICK D. ELY,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation to formally heal the petitioner, Caleb Page, of Somerville, was adopted.

The Committee on Charters submitted the following report, which was accepted, the recommendation adopted, and a Charter granted to Anchor Lodge, of Wales :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

December 9th, 1874.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Anchor Lodge, of Wales, for a Charter, report :

That they have examined the By-Laws and Records of said Lodge while under Dispensation. The By-Laws, with some slight alterations made by the Committee, conform to the Grand Constitutions, and are recommended for approval.

The Records are carefully engrossed, and are evidently a true transcript of the proceedings. They show the initiation of eight candidates during the year. All dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee recommend that a Charter be issued as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,
WILLIAM R. WILSON,
THOMAS WATERMAN, JR.,
Committee.

The Committee on Charity made report as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

IN GRAND LODGE,
BOSTON, December 9th, 1874.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Charity would respectfully submit the following report:

Immediately after appointment, your committee was duly organized, and have held semi-monthly meetings, with the exception of July and August.

They have received the following sums of money:

By balance from chairman of old committee	. . .	\$24.58
By donation from St. John's Lodge, of Boston	. . .	50.00
By donation from Joseph Warren Lodge, of Boston	. . .	50.00
By donation from Zetland Lodge, of Boston	. . .	25.00
By donation from Massachusetts Lodge, of Boston	. . .	50.00
By donation from Mt. Lebanon Lodge, of Boston	. . .	50.00
By amount returned by Julius Rafalsky	. . .	30.00
By amount returned by W. H. Kilby	. . .	5.00
By amount returned by Ancient Landmark Lodge, } of St. Paul, Min., on account of J. Costello, }	. . .	12.50
By amount returned by W. Wilson	. . .	5.70
By amount appropriated by Grand Lodge	. . .	1500.00
Total	. . .	\$1802.78

The disbursements have been as follows:

To cash paid for books for use of committee	. . .	\$6.75
To cash paid for stationery for use of committee	. . .	19.00
To cash paid for telegrams and postage	. . .	3.98
To cash repaid Bro. R. M. Field, on last year's account	. . .	15.00
To cash paid in sundry donations	. . .	1626.35
To balance on hand this day	. . .	131.72
Total	. . .	\$1802.78

Your committee have made 215 donations to 131 persons, composed of destitute Brethren, their widows or orphans. The total amount of these donations is \$1626.35, giving an average of about \$12.41 to each applicant.

A record of all applications, whether assisted or not, as well as the proceedings of our semi-monthly meetings, has been kept, and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary for inspection, if desired.

Your committee would express the hope that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will, ere long, inaugurate some plan by which a larger sum shall be placed at the disposal of your committee on Charity. The calls are very many, and requiring almost daily attention from one or more of your committee. When we consider the amount that is spent every year for banquets and social enjoyment, the sum donated to Charity appears small indeed.

If the various Lodges throughout the State would make an annual contribution to the Charity Fund, it would enable your committee to donate much larger sums than they can as now situated, and oftentimes prevent recipients from criticising the doings thereof.

We do not consider it an unreasonable proposition when we say that not less than ten thousand dollars should be appropriated annually to Charity, that virtue which we claim to be our chief corner-stone.

The applications have been unusually large in number during the last two or three months; and, from present indications, the coming winter is to be a hard one for the poor.

Your committee would respectfully recommend an appropriation of five hundred dollars for Charity purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY G. FAY,
NATHANIEL GREENE,
HENRY J. PARKER,
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS,
FRANK E. JONES,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted, whereby five hundred dollars are appropriated for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

The Committee on By-Laws made report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
December 9th, 1874.

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully report, that they have examined the full Codes of

HYDE PARK Lodge, Hyde Park,
DAY SPRING Lodge, Monson;
and the proposed amendments of those of
LAFAYETTE Lodge, North Adams,
BELCHER Lodge, Chicopee Falls,
HENRY PRICE Lodge, Charlestown,
GOLDEN FLEECE Lodge, Lynn,
OCCIDENTAL Lodge, Stockbridge,
CHARLES RIVER Lodge, Medway,
HAYDEN Lodge, Brookfield,
NORTH STAR Lodge, Ashland,
CHARLES C. DAME Lodge, Georgetown.

They have made slight amendments in the forms submitted by Day Spring, Lafayette, Belcher and Hyde Park Lodges. With these amendments, and a description of the seal being furnished by Day Spring Lodge, the whole conform to the Constitutions and usages of this jurisdiction, and we recommend their approval.

WILLIAM F. SALMON,
JOEL SEAVERN,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
Committee.

The committee on the petition of C. G. Carr presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF C. G.
CARR FOR RESTORATION TO MASONRY.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, December 9th, 1874.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of C. G. Carr, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, have given the matter their careful consideration, and respectfully submit the following report:

The petitioner, while Master of Blackstone River Lodge, conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon a candidate who had been rejected by Olive Branch Lodge, concealing the fact of such rejection from his Lodge.

For this offence he was expelled by vote of this Grand Lodge on the 11th of June, 1873.

Your committee are of opinion that the petitioner has not suffered sufficient discipline for the grave offence committed, and that restoration at this time would defeat the ends of justice.

They therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,
GEORGE E. STACY,
WILLIAM J. STEVENS,
Committee.

The committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication in June last, to consider and report upon the best method of preserving the Ritual from alterations, submitted a partial report, recommending that a com-

mittee of thirteen be appointed to determine, in all respects, what is, or should be, the Ritual of this Grand Lodge, and make report thereon at the Quarterly Communication in March next. The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The Grand Master read an appeal to the Grand Lodge, made by Bro. Albert F. Kelley, of John Cutler Lodge, of Abington, from the ruling of the Worshipful Master of said Lodge, as set forth in the appeal; and the same was referred to R. W. Charles C. Dame, W. Thomas Waterman, Jr., and W. Christopher W. Dyer.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM at ten minutes before six o'clock P. M., until Thursday, the tenth instant, then to meet at Beethoven Hall, in this city, at nine o'clock A. M., for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures of the Three Degrees.

Prayer was offered by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, A. L. 5874.

The Grand Lodge was opened according to appointment, in Beethoven Hall, Boston, on Thursday, December 10, 1874, at nine o'clock A. M., in AMPLE FORM, with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master directed W. Cephas Brigham, Grand Lecturer, to organize a Grand Lodge of Instruction, and exemplify the work and lectures of the First Degree. In accordance with this order, a Grand Lodge of Instruction was organized by the Grand Marshal, as follows :

W. CEPHAS BRIGHAM, Grand Lecturer	Master.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Grand Lecturer	Senior Warden.
W. E. DANA BANCROFT, Grand Lecturer	Junior Warden.
W. MOWRY LAPHAM	Treasurer.
W. HENRY A. BROWN	Secretary.
REV. GEORGE H. ALLEN	Chaplain.
BRO. LEONARD M. AVERELL	Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, JR.	Senior Deacon.
W. BENJAMIN F. ATWOOD	Junior Deacon.
BRO. ALTON F. HASKELL	Senior Steward.
BRO. EUGENE A. HOLTON	Junior Steward.
BRO. RECTOR T. BARTLETT	Inside Sentinel.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW	Organist.
W. THEODORE L. KELLEY	Tyler.

The work and lectures of the First Degree were fully exemplified, when the Lodge was closed, and re-organized by order of the Grand Master, for the exemplification of the work and lectures of the Second Degree, as follows :

W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Grand Lecturer Master.
W. E. DANA BANCROFT, Grand Lecturer Senior Warden.
W. CEPHAS BRIGHAM, Grand Lecturer Junior Warden.

The remaining officers were the same as in the preceding degree.

The work and lectures of the Second Degree having been fully exemplified, at half-past one o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment. About eight hundred Brethren gladly participated in the generous collation which had been provided in the banquet-room by order of the Grand Master.

At half-past two o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge resumed labor, and, by direction of the Grand Master, a Grand Lodge of Instruction was organized for the exemplification of the work and lectures of the Third Degree, as follows :

W. EDMUND DANA BANCROFT, Grand Lecturer . . Master.
W. CEPHAS BRIGHAM, Grand Lecturer Senior Warden.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Grand Lecturer Junior Warden.

The remaining officers were the same as in the preceding degrees.

The work and lectures of the Third Degree were fully exemplified, and the Lodge closed in due form.

The hymns used in the opening and closing ceremonies of each degree, and in the exemplification of the work of the several degrees, are recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for December 15, 1870.

At fifteen minutes past six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, until the 29th instant, then to meet at the Masonic Temple in this city, at four o'clock P. M., for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

Prayer was offered by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 29, A. L. 5874.

A STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of December, A. L. 5874, A. D. 1874, for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W. SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON .	Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ELLJAH W. BURR . . .	as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R. W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	D. D. G. Master, District No. 3.
R. W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	" " District No. 4.
R. W. GEORGE F. BREED . . .	" " District No. 5.
R. W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	" " District No. 10.
R. W. GEORGE L. RHOADS . . .	" " District No. 13.
R. W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	" " District No. 14.
R. W. JOHN W. ATWOOD . . .	" " District No. 15.
R. W. EDWARD AVERY, . . .	" " District No. 16.
R. W. SMITH B. HARRINGTON . .	" " District No. 17.
R. W. JOHN WETHERBEE . . .	" " District No. 18.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D. }	Grand Chaplains.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG	
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN VIALI	Junior Grand Deacon.

W. JAMES H. BOUYE	Junior Grand Steward.
W. E. DANA BANCROFT }	Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY }	
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R. W. WINSLOW LEWIS	Past Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN T. HEARD	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	" " "
R. W. CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	" " "
R. W. ABRAHAM A. DAME	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY	" " " "
R. W. HENRY CHICKERING	Past Grand Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM W. BAKER	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R. W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
R. W. WILLIAM F. SALMON	" " "
R. W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	" " "
R. W. CHARLES KIMBALL	" " "
R. W. RICHARD BRIGGS	" " "
R. W. ELIJAH W. BURR	" " "

OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

R. W. ANDREW G. SMITH.	W. SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG.
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OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

W. HENRY G. FAY.	W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS.
W. HENRY J. PARKER.	BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

Also the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of many subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, at four o'clock P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing. The GREAT LIGHT was opened by the Grand Marshal at the Gospel of Saint John the Evangelist.

The Grand Master announced the death of W. Lovell Bicknell, Grand Standard-Bearer, who died at his residence, in East Weymouth, on the 20th instant, at the advanced age of eighty-two years; and R. W. John T. Heard, R. W. William T. Grammer and W. William J. Stevens were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable memorial for the Records of the Grand Lodge. 14

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master appointed R. W. Brothers Winslow Lewis, John T. Heard, William D. Coolidge, William Parkman, Charles C. Dame and William S. Gardner, a committee to wait upon R. W. Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master elect, and present him for installation.

The committee retired, attended by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Sword-Bearer and the Grand Stewards, conducted by the Grand Marshal, and escorted the Grand Master elect to the Grand East,—the Brethren all rising,—and duly presented him for installation.

The Grand Master directed the committee to conduct the Grand Master elect to the altar, there to receive the benefit of prayer, and be invested with his official obligation.

The Grand Master elect having been conducted to the altar, solemn prayer was offered in his behalf by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain in the words following :

PRAYER AT THE INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

Oh Thou, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed :

We invoke Thy blessing upon this Thy servant, to whose honor, wisdom and good intent are now and hereby committed the great interests of the ancient and time-honored Brotherhood over which, within the limits of this Commonwealth, he has been elected to preside, as the head of the Body.

Dating its beginning from a remote period ; surviving the accidents and decays of time ; out-riding all the storms of malice and persecution ; fresh, strong, never more vigorous than to-day ; the Masonic Fraternity still lives and flourishes, watched over, may we not believe, by a Divine Providence, and perpetuated under God's eye, through the ages, as an Institution of good order, of social virtue, of peace and good-will among men.

Into the far future, as it unfolds to the needs and desires of mankind, may it still continue to offer its blessings of help and enjoyment to all who worthily seek them—the interchange of fraternal greetings, the formation of blessed friendships.

May our Brother, assisted by those associated with him in the administration of affairs, and by the blessing of Him without whom the builder buildeth in vain, fail not to transmit unimpaired the precious trusts committed to his keeping.

To this end, give unto him faith the most lively, hope the most pure, charity unfeigned. In the possession and exercise of his authority, may courtesy be blended with firmness, prudence united with justice ; and may he, both by precept and example, show himself to the whole Craft a wise Master-builder, not only skillful at designs on the Trestle Board, but knowing also how to use the Trowel with which is spread the cement which unites the building into one common mass—the cement of Brotherly love and affection which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and Brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

Almighty God, install Thy servant in Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, and establish the work of his hand; yea, the work of his hand, establish Thou it, to the glory of Thy great name, forevermore. *Amen.*

The Grand Master elect, having been duly invested with his official obligation, was re-conducted to the Grand East, and installed in **AMPLE FORM**, and in the words following :

"It becomes my duty, Most Worshipful, to install you into your high office as Grand Master of Masons in this Commonwealth.

"Give me leave to seat you in this **CHAIR**, and to invest you with this **BADGE** of your office. This will silently admonish you always to do justice to the cause of Masonry; to consult, as the exalted rank you now hold demands of you, its real interests. It will instruct you to infuse into the many Lodges, of which you are now the Head, the true spirit of our Order. It will direct you to make wise regulations for the good government of the Fraternity; to give due commendation to the worthy members of it; and to rebuke those who act contrary to its laws.

"I next deliver this **EMBLEM OF THAT POWER** with which you are now invested. Always make use of it for the good of our benevolent Institution.

"To you are committed also those **SACRED WRITINGS** in which are to be found the sublime parts of our ancient mystery. In them are, likewise, most strongly inculcated the social and moral duties, without which no man can be a Mason. You will direct your Lodges to read, to study and obey them.

"Receive these tools of **OPERATIVE MASONRY**, which are to each of us the most expressive symbols. These will assist you, Most Worshipful, to reduce all rude matter into proper form; to bring to due subjection irregular passions, and to circumscribe them by harmony, order and duty.

"And, lastly, I present to you the **BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS**, in which are contained the *rules* and *orders* made for the good government of the Society; and the *Charges*, which show its nature, its wisdom, and its utility. With this book, **Most Worshipful**, you will direct your **Lodges** to make themselves well acquainted—a work, in all its parts, worthy the attention of men the most enlightened and judicious.

"You are now, **Most Worshipful**, at the head of an **Order** which is calculated to unite men by true friendship; to extend benevolence and to promote virtue. And give me leave to say, that the honor with which you are invested is not unworthy of a man of the highest rank or most distinguished abilities. Permit me, also, to remind you that your faithful attention to the duties of your office, and acceptable discharge of them, will render you of great benefit to one of the most liberal Institutions upon earth.

"Let me congratulate you, **Most Worshipful**, on the honor of being raised from the level of equality to the high station of presiding over all the **Lodges** of this State and jurisdiction.

"May the Father of Lights invest you with his choicest gifts; may heavenly wisdom illuminate your mind; may heavenly power give strength to your exertions; may heavenly goodness fill and enlarge your breast; may your feet rest upon the rock of justice; from your hands may streams of beneficence continually issue; and round your head may there bend a circle made splendid by the rays of honor. And late, very late in life, may you be transmitted from the fading honors of an earthly Lodge to the mansions prepared for the faithful in a better world.

"Let me congratulate you, **Right Worshipful Grand Officers** and **Brethren**, on the election of Our **Most Worshipful Grand Master**; as it is *his*, agreeably to the rules of our Institution, to command, so it is *ours* with readiness to obey. Look to the Sun, and behold the **Planetary Worlds** revolving around him in continual order, with the happiest effect, and learn to imitate

their regularity, in hope of obtaining from the Chair of Solomon the light of wisdom and the warmth of love. Or look higher still, and behold the angels, those sister spirits Cherubim and Seraphim, who are exhibited to us in the oracles of Revelation as flaming spirits, burning with heat in their heavenly Grand Master's service, and with love to His person and to one another. They are styled Ministering Spirits from the part they take in exercising their kind offices to men, in relieving their wants, securing them from danger, and making their lives more comfortable.

“ ‘Myriads of spiritual beings walk the earth
Unseen, or when we sleep, or when we wake.’

“Of them let us learn to rise in our affection to the Great Father of all, and thence descending, expand the heart from Brother to Brother, and to all mankind; of them let us learn never to be weary in the ways of well-doing, but to ‘mourn with them that mourn, and to rejoice with them that do rejoice,’ until, having finished our work on earth, we shall be admitted to the Temple above, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

Past Grand Master Nickerson then presented to the new Grand Master the Golden Urn, containing a lock of Washington's hair, informing him that in the year 1801 this urn was presented to Grand Master Dunn, at his installation, and that at every succeeding installation it had been confided to the care and custody of the Grand Master, with most solemn and imperative injunctions to carefully preserve it, and, when his term of office expired, to transmit it to his successor with the like charge:

“This sacred relic, which I received from my predecessor in 1871, I now place in your hands, and I charge you to religiously

preserve it, and, when your Grand-Mastership terminates, to deliver it to your successor with a charge similar to that with which you now receive it."

A procession was formed in due order, and the M. W. Grand Master was saluted, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft and of this Grand Lodge.

Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal in the words following :

In the name of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I proclaim Most Worshipful Percival Lowell Everett Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. And may God Almighty bless him in the government of the Craft, and us in him. This proclamation is made from the EAST, the WEST, the SOUTH. ONCE, TWICE, THRICE. All interested will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

The Grand Master arose from the Oriental Chair, and, striking one blow with the gavel, being uncovered, pronounced this invocation :

May the Grand Architect of the Universe pour down his blessings on this Society, and enable me to discharge the great trust reposed in me, to the honor of His name and of the Royal Art. And may there never be wanting such to fill the Chair who shall promote Masonry and the good of mankind as long as the world endureth. *Amen.*

The following words were sung :

GRAND MASTER.

"To Him who rules be homage paid,
Where hearts with voice unite ;

To Him we bring fraternal aid,
Who guides in solemn rite.
Come, Brothers, bound by kindly ties,
Your notes harmonious bring;
While acts of generous sacrifice,
In thoughts of love we sing.

“As days and years roll silent by,
As time's sad changes rise,
No doubt shall dim the trusting eye,
Where rule the good and wise.
To Him who rules be homage paid,
Where hearts with voice unite;
Till life shall cease, and time shall fade,
We'll bring our solemn plight.”

The Grand Master proceeded to install the Grand Wardens.

R. W. William J. Sawin having been duly installed into the office of Senior Grand Warden, and R. W. Lucius W. Lovell into the office of Junior Grand Warden, proclamation thereof was made in the words following:

I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that the Right Worshipful Grand Wardens of this Grand Lodge have been duly installed into their respective stations. This proclamation is made from the East, the West, the South. ONCE, TWICE, THRICE. The Craft will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

After each of the Grand Wardens was installed, the words following were sung:

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

“In the West see the Warden with Level in hand,
The Master to aid, and obey his command;

We'll aid him with freedom, with fervor and zeal,
And help him his duties and trust to fulfil."

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

"In the South see the Warden by Plumb stand upright,
Who watches the sun, and takes note of his flight;
We'll aid him with freedom, with fervor and zeal,
And help him his duties and trust to fulfil."

The Grand Master installed into their respective stations, R. W. John McClellan, Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Charles H. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary, in AMPLE FORM.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand Master :

R. W. CHARLES A. WELCH, Waltham, Deputy Grand Master.		
R. W. GEORGE P. SANGER, Cambridge, Corresponding Grand Secretary.		
R. W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN, Boston, D. D. G. Master,	District No. 1.	
W. FRANCIS CHILDS, Charlestown, " "	District No. 2.	
R. W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH, Boston, " "	District No. 3.	
W. GEORGE F. HOMER, Brookline, " "	District No. 4.	
R. W. GEORGE F. BREED, Lynn, . . " "	District No. 5.	
W. WARREN CURRIER, Newburyport, " "	District No. 6.	
W. SOLON W. STEVENS, Lowell, . . . " "	District No. 7.	
R. W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER, Greenfield, " "	District No. 8.	
W. JOHN R. DAVISON, Hinsdale, . . " "	District No. 9.	
W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN, Springfield, . . " "	District No. 10.	
W. WILLIAM A. SMITH, Worcester, . . " "	District No. 11.	
W. IRVING B. SAYLES, Millbury, . . . " "	District No. 12.	
R. W. GEORGE L. RHOADS, Norwood, . . " "	District No. 13.	
R. W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, " "	District No. 14.	
R. W. JOHN W. ATWOOD, Provincetown, " "	District No. 15.	
W. HOSEA KINGMAN, Bridgewater, . . " "	District No. 16.	
W. THEODORE N. FOQUE, Malden, . . . " "	District No. 17.	
R. W. JOHN WETHERBEE, Warren, . . . " "	District No. 18.	

R. W. H. PLUNKET BOURCHIER, Valparaiso,	D. D. G. Master for Chili.
R. W. ITHAMAR B. EAMES, Shanghai,	“ “ “ China.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., New Bedford,	} Grand Chaplains.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG, Fall River,	
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, Boston,	Grand Marshal.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE, Somerville,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH, N. Attleborough,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston,	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, Belmont,	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, New Bedford,	
W. HENRY STEPHENSON, Hingham,	
W. BAYLIES SANFORD, JR., Brockton,	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. GEORGE H. FOLGER, Cambridge,	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. FREDERICK D. ELY, Dedham,	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON, Hyde Park,	
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, JR., Boston,	} Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea,	
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS, Boston,	
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW, Boston,	Grand Organist.
BRO. EBEN F. GAY, Boston,	Grand Tyler.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

R. W. SERENO D. NICKERSON. R. W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY.
R. W. WINSLOW LEWIS.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

W. HENRY G. FAY. W. HENRY J. PARKER.
W. NATHANIEL GREENE. W. JAMES MILLS.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

R. W. ANDREW G. SMITH. W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI.
W. JOSEPH WINSOR. W. SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG.
W. WOOSTER B. MAYHEW.

COMMITTEE ON TRIALS AND HEALING.

R. W. EDWARD AVERY. W. FREDERICK D. ELY.
W. SAMUEL WELLS.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

R. W. IVORY H. POPE.

W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS.

W. WILLIAM R. WILSON.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

R. W. WILLIAM F. SALMON.

W. THOMAS W. DAVIS.

W. JOEL SEAVERNS.

The Grand Master installed the Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master installed the following-named Brethren into the stations to which they had been appointed:

R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
W. FRANCIS CHILDS	D. D. G. Master, District No. 2.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . . .	" " District No. 3.
W. GEORGE F. HOMER	" " District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED	" " District No. 5.
W. WARREN CURRIER	" " District No. 6.
W. SOLON W. STEVENS	" " District No. 7.
W. JOHN R. DAVISON	" " District No. 9.
W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN	" " District No. 10.
W. WILLIAM A. SMITH	" " District No. 11.
W. IRVING B. SAYLES	" " District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD	" " District No. 15.
W. THEODORE N. FOQUE	" " District No. 17.
R.W. JOHN WETHERBEE	" " District No. 18.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	Grand Marshal.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER	
W. HENRY STEPHENSON	

W. BAYLIES SANFORD, JR.	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. GEORGE H. FOLGER	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. FREDERICK D. ELY	} Grand Pursuivants.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON	
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, JR.	} Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY	
BRO. EBEN F. GAY	Grand Tyler.

Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal in these words:

I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has been duly organized for the ensuing year, and is now ready for the transaction of such business as shall legally come before it. This proclamation is made from the EAST, the WEST, the SOUTH. ONCE, TWICE, THRICE. The Craft will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

R. W. Winslow Lewis, Senior Past Grand Master, in behalf of Winslow Lewis Lodge, presented Past Grand Master Sereno Dwight Nickerson a Past Grand Master's jewel, and addressed him in the words following:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—The members of the Lodge of which you have been the honored head have deemed it an appropriate occasion, publicly, before the assembled Grand Lodge, to make a demonstration of their love and approbation; first, by their presence, and also by the presentation of a memorial, indicative and symbolical of the office which you have so ably filled.

The Lodge Room should be the place for the bestowing the badge of a Worshipful Master; but the Grand East of a Grand

Lodge should be the scene of that respect due to one vacating the Throne of Solomon.

I have been selected to the pleasing distinction of being the conveyancer of their tribute, on account of my peculiar relation to the Lodge, and to the humble name it bears.

In the palmier days, now so long past, I could, perhaps, have expressed some bright ideas, delivered really *viva voce*, and without hesitation. But now, alas! I must use my feeble pen and trembling tongue to express thoughts that should breathe and words that should burn. But the apology is before you, in the person of old age and its attendant infirmities.

Right Worshipful, you will be the recipient of two sets of jewels; one, representing the vitalized diamonds of the hearts of those with whom you are so nearly and dearly associated, the real, most sparkling, most valued diamonds with which to decorate your heart, all of the purest water, polished by the Grand Architect of the universe, set in golden affections, radiant with that expression which no gem can ever attain.

And now, I affix to your breast a beautiful work of art, the gathered offering of your valued Brothers. It is but of carbon as its basis; but, passing through the furnace of science, it now sparkles and radiates consonant with its increased value, beauty and excellence. It now symbolizes somewhat that ardent, enduring regard which will ever attend you, as our Brother, friend and most cherished companion.

"Semper honores, nomenque tuum, laudesque manebunt. Serus in cælum redeas, diuque lætus intersis populo."

Past Grand Master Nickerson, though wholly unaware of the kind intentions of his Brethren, and sensibly affected by this expression of their love and good will, responded in the following well-chosen words:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,—You will readily understand my embarrassment in endeavoring to find suitable terms in

which to acknowledge the very kind words of R. W. Brother Lewis, and the beautiful, the magnificent token of the regard of my Brethren of Winslow Lewis Lodge. I am indeed surprised, for not the slightest hint of such a gift had reached me in any form. But in another sense I am not surprised. I am too familiar with the frequent and constant manifestations of good will and generosity on the part of those Brethren to wonder at any new exhibition of those qualities by them. From my earliest connection with that Lodge, now nearly eighteen years, our relation has been one unbroken series of kind thoughts words and deeds from the members towards me, and I did not suppose it possible for their too generous appreciation of my efforts to take any new form. But I find myself mistaken, and so bewildered by this last and greatest manifestation of their good will, that I can only repeat, what they have heard from my lips so often before, the assurance of my most profound gratitude to each and every one of them.

To the overflowing, the extravagant praise with which R. W. Brother Lewis has been pleased to accompany this beautiful testimonial, I can only reply that 'praise from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed.' From my first admission into the Fraternity, I have been accustomed to regard him as the very embodiment of its principles. Among my earliest recollections of impressive Masonic ceremonies is the remembrance of the constituting of the Lodge bearing his name, when he officiated as Grand Master. The wise counsels he then addressed to us made a deep impression upon my mind, and have exerted a strong influence upon my Masonic life. If, therefore, I in any degree merit the too generous estimate placed upon my services by my honored Brother, or rather Father, in Masonry, he may justly claim a large share of your gratitude as having first inspired me with Masonic zeal. I am well aware that the same devotion to the interests of the Fraternity characterizes the Brethren who have so generously expressed their approval of my official service, and I therefore rejoice that the Grand Lodge

has again selected a member of that Lodge as our head. I can only wish for you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the same cordial support and generous confidence which have been so liberally accorded to your predecessor, while I rest assured that the interests of our Institution can receive no detriment under your administration.

W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the M. W. Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby given, to Past Grand Master R. W. Bro. John T. Heard, for his valuable labor of love to the Grand Lodge, in preparing for record and for preservation in its Archives a list of Grand Chaplains, together with biographical sketches of the same, covering a period of more than three quarters of a century. We recognize in this service, voluntarily undertaken, and so ably and gracefully done, an evidence, worthy of all praise, of his high love of the Brotherhood, his profound attachment to the Craft, his intelligent and cultured interest in its good name, and a renewed expression of his grateful feeling to his Masonic Brethren of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the honor received at their hands when he was conducted to its highest seat in the East.

The resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

The Grand Master announced the following

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

R. W. SERENO D. NICKERSON.	R. W. WILLIAM F. SALMON.
R. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER.	R. W. HENRY ENDICOTT.
R. W. CHARLES C. DAME.	R. W. IVORY H. POPE.
R. W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY.	R. W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH.
R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS.	R. W. JOHN McCLELLAN.
R. W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER.	W. SAMUEL WELLS.
W. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.	

The Recording Grand Secretary submitted the following reports, which were accepted and ordered to be recorded :

REPORTS OF RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 29, 1874.

The following Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past year :

ASHLER.	EXCELSIOR.	PHILANTHROPIC.
BAY STATE.	HUNTINGTON.	PIONEER.
BETHEL.	KING PHILIP.	PYTHAGOREAN.
*CINCINNATUS.	MARINE.	SAINT ALBAN'S.
CONCORDIA.	MIDDLESEX.	*UNION (Nantucket).
DAY SPRING.	MOUNTAIN.	VERNON.
DE WITT CLINTON.	MOUNT ZION.	WISDOM.
EVENING STAR.	OCCIDENTAL.	

The latest printed Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received at the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year :

ALABAMA.	INDIANA.	NEW YORK.
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.	IOWA.	NORTH CAROLINA.
ARKANSAS.	KANSAS.	NOVA SCOTIA.
BRAZIL.	KENTUCKY.	OHIO.
CALIFORNIA.	LOUISIANA.	OREGON.
CANADA.	MAINE.	PENNSYLVANIA.
CHILL.	MARYLAND.	PORTUGAL.
COLORADO.	MICHIGAN.	QUEBEC.
CONNECTICUT.	MINNESOTA.	RHODE ISLAND.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.	MISSISSIPPI.	SOUTH CAROLINA.
ENGLAND.	MISSOURI.	TENNESSEE.
EGYPT.	MONTANA.	TEXAS.
FLORIDA.	NEBRASKA.	UTAH.
FRANCE.	NETHERLANDS.	VERMONT.
DELAWARE.	NEVADA.	VIRGINIA.
GEORGIA.	NEW BRUNSWICK.	WASHING'N TERRITORY.
IDAHO.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	WEST VIRGINIA.
ILLINOIS.	NEW JERSEY.	WISCONSIN.

*The W. Master of Cincinnati Lodge and the W. Master of Union Lodge (Nantucket) were present at this Stated Communication.

Charters have been executed for the following Lodges during the past year:

<i>Lodge.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Date of Precedence.</i>	<i>Date of Charter.</i>
PHOENIX . . .	Hanover .	Feb. 21, 1873.	March 11, 1874.
CRESCENT . . .	Pittsfield .	Sept. 12, 1873.	Sept. 9, 1874.
ANCHOR . . .	Wales .	Nov. 28, 1873.	Dec. 9, 1874.

Diplomas have been issued from the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year, as follows:

	<i>Master Masons.</i>	<i>Past Masters.</i>
District No. 1	85	6
" No. 2	97	6
" No. 3	125	4
" No. 4	105	3
" No. 5	66	4
" No. 6	32	6
" No. 7	68	1
" No. 8	72	0
" No. 9	25	12
" No. 10	188	4
" No. 11	104	14
" No. 12	93	3
" No. 13	78	0
" No. 14	86	6
" No. 15	32	1
" No. 16	132	0
" No. 17	56	0
Chili District	10	0
China District	12	0
	<hr/> 1,466	<hr/> 70

CHARLES H. TITUS,
Recording Grand Secretary.

At six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

A procession was formed by the Grand Marshal, and the Brethren were conducted to the banquet-room,

where the feast of Saint John the Evangelist was duly celebrated after the manner of Masons.

At forty minutes past nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the mystic circle was formed, Auld Lang Syne sung, and the Grand Lodge closed in AMPLE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

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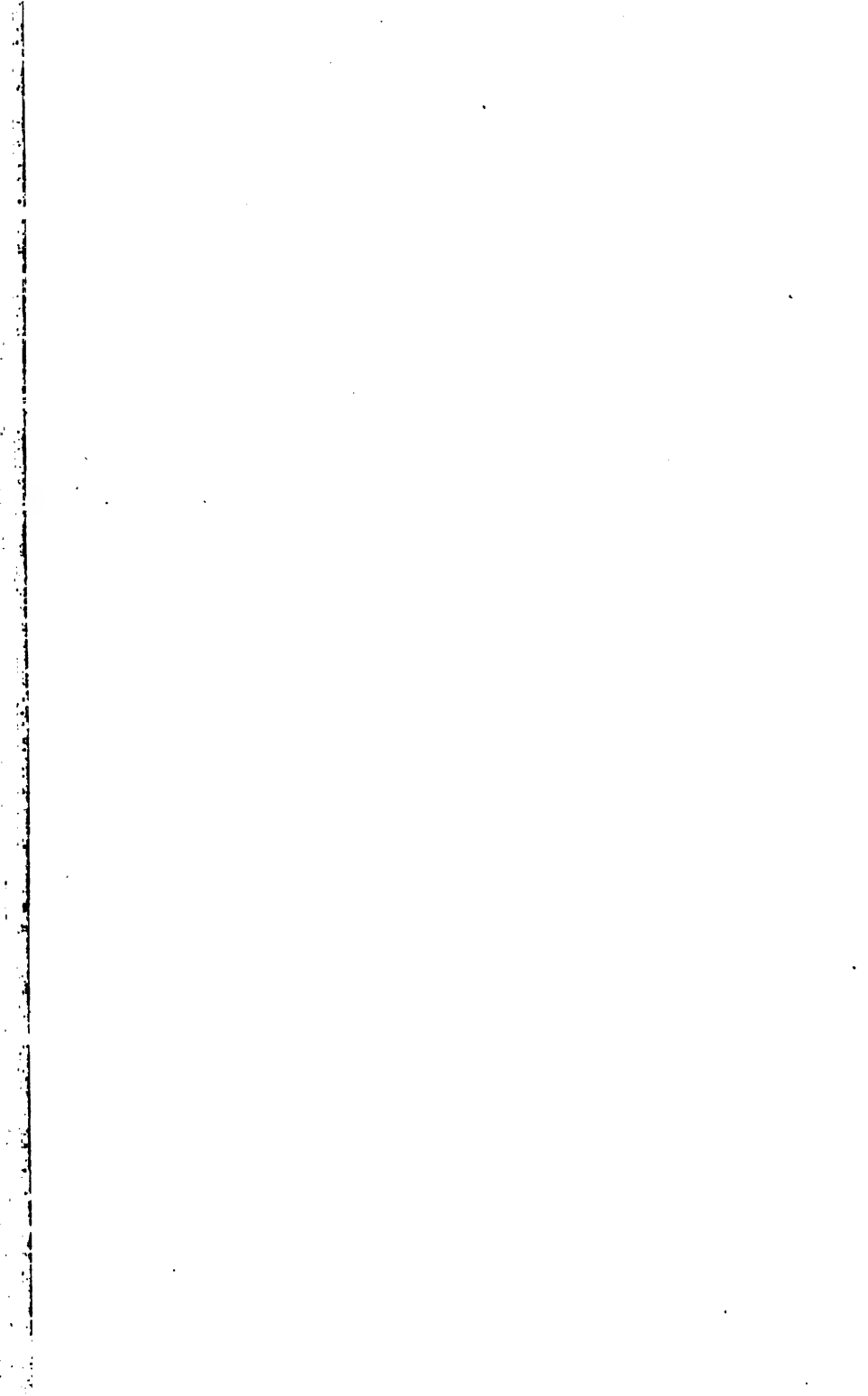
Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, AB-
STRACTS OF RETURNS OF LODGES, LODGES IN
MASONIC DISTRICTS, LIST OF LODGES AND SEC-
RETARIES, PAST OFFICERS AND PERMA-
NENT MEMBERS, AND ORGANIZATION
OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1875.



REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

BOSTON, December 3, 1874.

TO SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons*
in Massachusetts: —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit herewith the returns for the official year now closing, with the report of the general condition of the Lodges in the First District.

In accordance with the custom of my predecessors and the requirements of the position, I have visited officially all the Lodges under my care, and have also visited un-officially some of them, each working month of the year. There has been, in many respects, a great advance in the manner of working the degrees during the last few years; a greater emulation among the officers as to "who best can work," and a more earnest desire to conform to the requirements of the ritual. Some difference of opinion as to what was the exact ritual has arisen in reference to some minor points, owing no doubt to the changes which have been made, especially in the third degree; and by the unanimous request of the Worshipful Masters, in which every presiding Master in the District joined, I had the honor to present a motion in the Grand Lodge on the subject, and a committee has been appointed to consider and report upon it, and it is believed that the best results will follow their labors. It is a matter of the highest importance that the Lodges of the First District—which have, probably, more visitors from all parts of the State, and, indeed, of the country, than their sister Lodges in the other Districts—should in the most perfect manner exemplify the Masonic work and lectures. It is undoubtedly their desire so to do, and the cordial co-operation which I have received in this direction from the Worshipful Masters' Association of the District deserves my sincere thanks. This Association has also done much to promote a

more intimate acquaintance among the various Lodges in this and the neighboring Districts; and I believe the formation of similar organizations in all the Districts would advance the general welfare of the Craft.

The amount of work done varies but slightly from that of the preceding year. I have been requested to give Dispensations but three times, and in each case for the convenience of the Lodge, rather than for that of the candidate. A gratifying spirit of harmony has prevailed. Two cases only have occurred in which trials were necessary, and the result of these need not be mentioned more particularly.

One of the pleasantest visits I had the honor of making was that to Mt. Lebanon Lodge, when a portrait of one of their late Past Masters, Simon W. Robinson, a well-known and distinguished Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, was presented to the Grand Lodge; and it is now hanging upon the walls of Sutton Hall, in the goodly fellowship of Winslow Lewis, Paul Revere and other eminent Brethren, who have done so much to render our historic past illustrious in the annals of Masonry.

With peace in their borders, and prosperity attending their labors, the Lodges appear to be in the best possible condition; the amounts expended for charity, both among their own members and for the relief of other distressed Brethren, whose calls have been of great frequency, have been unusually large, and they have fully sustained their reputation for generous and brotherly love. It has been a trying season in many respects; and while secrecy has most properly been maintained as to the amounts disbursed, I am personally cognizant of many cases in which Masonic charity has caused the widow's heart to sing for joy, and the blessing of him that was ready to perish has followed the liberality of Brethren who suffered not these appeals for aid to pass unheard.

Thanking you, Sir, for the honor conferred upon me, and the Brethren and Lodges of the District for their cordial greeting and hospitable welcome, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN,

D. D. G. Master First Masonic District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

BOSTON, December 8, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons
in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor of making a second report in relation to the District committed to my care.

I enclose the Returns of the several Lodges, with duplicate receipt of the Grand Treasurer for the amount collected by me in the District. The amount, as compared with that of last year, is materially larger. The work of the year, excepting that of two Lodges, has been light; largely owing, I apprehend, to causes connected with the depressed state of general business; but enough has been done to keep up the Regular Meetings, and secure a healthy interest and attendance of members.

I have endeavored to give a somewhat close attention to the District, and have made frequent visits to Lodges not remote in distance. I think I may safely say, that the District as a whole, and excepting perhaps one single Lodge, is in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The Charters are all secure, the records properly made and full in details; the attendance, in proportion to the number of members, good; the ritual, reasonably perfect; and both ritual and work fairly uniform throughout the District. It is equally satisfactory to me to be able to add that the best spirit of Masonry and brotherly good will still prevails.

I have granted no Dispensations, neither has any question of moment arisen in the District for my decision.

As your representative, I have been everywhere received with the utmost kindness and courtesy, and with the honors due to the position. My visits have been pleasant and beneficial to myself, and I sincerely hope they may, to some extent, have aided the good cause.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. KENT,

D. D. G. Master Second Masonic District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

BOSTON, November 21, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons*
in Massachusetts:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—For the third time I have the pleasing duty to perform of reporting to you upon the condition of the several Lodges in the Third District, within which, by your continued kindness, I have enjoyed the high honor of being your representative.

The course adopted at the commencement of my appointment to this office, three years since—that of acquiring an intimate acquaintance with the officers and members of the Lodges—has been continued, with the same gratifying results. I venture to assert that no predecessor has ever enjoyed so extensive a personal acquaintance in the District as your present Deputy, and consequently has never experienced the unspeakable pleasure that lies within the reach of all who desire to enjoy this wealth of fraternal love. This intimate acquaintance creates a personal interest in the affairs of the Lodges; and, as like begets like, so the affairs of the Grand Lodge are better understood, and become a subject of solicitude, so that the fatigue of these unofficial visits is fully repaid by the growing interest so apparent throughout the District.

I apprehend no danger to the vanity or worth of the several officers by praising in the highest manner the work of the Lodges. They have borne my criticism with magnanimity, feeling its truth; and they, I doubt not, will receive my highest praise, knowing also its truth. Every Worshipful Master who has retired from, or succeeded to, the chair during the year just passed, has displayed the most untiring zeal for the perfection of the ritual, and the proper discharge of his executive duties. And as the Masters, so are all the officers, full of a strong sense of duty for the faithful discharge of the obligation they have so solemnly taken, upon the honor of a Mason. I look upon the records as monuments of praise for the patient labor of the Secretaries, who have betrayed an ardent desire to receive the commendation they so deservedly merit.

The result of this faithfulness is gratifying in the highest degree. With officers interested and earnest, a marked awakening among the members is not long delayed, and soon the entire Lodge glows with living emulation. And, this spirit and influence extends still further. It breaks away from the confines of a Lodge, and embraces other

Lodges, until the whole Masonic community feels its influence. As evidence of this, let me call your attention to the reciprocal visits of the officers of the several Lodges in South and East Boston. It is very rarely that a Regular Meeting does not find the officers of all the Lodges in each locality present, and interchanging sentiments of cordiality and friendship. This creates a friendly rivalry for the perfection of the work; a kindly criticism is excited, doubtful points are debated and decided, information imparted and received, until, as in my own experience, the District Deputy finds himself among his peers in Masonic knowledge and ritual.

It is a proud admission, and I feel a thrill of pride in making it, that the officers, and especially the Worshipful Masters, are abundantly qualified for all the duties of their office.

In granting Dispensations, I have been guided by the necessities of each case, and have found that the Brother was soon to leave the city, or that the granting was necessary in order to facilitate the work and avoid the expense of a Special Meeting.

And in this connection, I suggest the propriety of passing an order by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, establishing a fee for a Dispensation. It is competent for the Lodges to incorporate it in their By-Laws; but one Lodge in close proximity to another would hesitate to do it, while, if done in Grand Lodge, it would bear equally upon all the Lodges. In a majority of cases, the benefit of a Dispensation accrues to the candidate in a saving of time, while, by the necessity of a Special Meeting, an extra expense is entailed upon the Lodge, thus reducing the benefit derived by the admission fee. For this benefit, in a saving of time, and for the expense entailed upon the Lodge, the candidate ought to pay; and thus make his admission fee of the same value as the fees of other candidates, who have waited the required time.

There has been a good amount of work done in the District during the year; a steady increase of initiates and members; and good evidence that it is of good material. It is my opinion that the necessity of a more scrutinizing investigation of character is being realized by the members of the Institution; and negative characters, those of whom nothing can be said in favor or against, are oftener regarded as unworthy, and rejected.

My official visitations have been attended by courteous and attentive Brethren in goodly numbers, and no effort has been spared for the perfection of the work, the exhibition of loyalty to the M. W. Grand Lodge, and personal regard for the humble individual who has been honored as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The happy memories born of this experience can never lose their brightness, but, I sincerely hope, will serve to cheer many an hour of quiet meditation in future years.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere gratitude for your kindness in appointing me to a position that has proved so fruitful of good thoughts and feelings, and to add, in the words of the "old man eloquent," that

"Memory, brooding o'er the past,
Shall ever bless the day
When fortune, in her kindness, cast
This pleasure in my way."

With the highest feelings of esteem and respect, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

CHARLES J. DANFORTH,

D. D. G. Master Third Masonic District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

BOSTON, December 9, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons
in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have already submitted to you the detailed Returns, showing the work done by the Lodges in the Fourth District during the past year. I have officially visited the eleven Lodges, and found each of them in most respects in an improved condition. Meridian Lodge, of Natick, lost its Lodge-room in the great fire of January 13th, 1874, and I witnessed the work of the Lodge under some disadvantages, as far as the size and convenience of the room was concerned. The fire spread so rapidly that, although some eight or ten members ran up into the Lodge-room and saved the Charter, records and jewels, before they left it had broken out in the ante-room and they could not return and save anything more. The other property of the Lodge was therefore destroyed; but, as the whole was insured, the ultimate loss was not much over five hundred dollars,

The members, nothing daunted by their new misfortune and the general loss which the town sustained, have already made arrangements for a new Lodge-room, which will be more convenient than the one destroyed; and in the latter part of the winter, or early spring, it will be finished and ready for occupancy.

The members of Dalhousie Lodge, the largest in the jurisdiction, find their present Lodge-room too small for their growing numbers and for the use of the other Masonic Bodies in Newtonville, which occupy it with them; and, with their usual zeal in Masonic matters, have taken measures to obtain a more spacious one. With but two exceptions, and those of very young Lodges, the Lodge-rooms throughout the District are entirely satisfactory, showing a wonderful improvement over those used a few years back. In more important particulars, the condition of the Lodges is excellent. No one can visit them, and hold friendly intercourse with their officers and members, without feeling satisfied that all understand the importance of selecting, as Masters, Brethren who are not only qualified by their Masonic knowledge, but by their established character in the community.

During the three years that I have been District Deputy Grand Master, the ritual has never been more faithfully rendered than during the past year, and I have never before witnessed the work so impressively performed as in several instances this year.

Since my last report I have granted but one Dispensation, and in this case the proper interval between the degrees was only shortened by a few days.

Besides my regular official duties, I have installed the officers of two or more of the Lodges; those of my own Lodge, in Waltham, last evening.

Before closing my last report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, allow me to express the hope that my successor may be received in his visits to the Lodges with the same hearty welcome which has been given to me as a representative of the Grand Lodge; and that when he, too, ends his official career, he may look back upon his intercourse with his Masonic Brethren with as much pleasure as I now do.

Yours truly and fraternally,

CHARLES A. WELCH,

D. D. G. Master of Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

LYNN, December 9, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the further pursuance of my official duties as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, and in accordance with the requirements of the Constitutions of the M. W. Grand Lodge, I respectfully submit my report for the current year. I have, accompanied by a full suite of officers, visited every Lodge in this District. With a single exception, I have been received by the Lodges in a manner befitting a representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge, and treated with cordiality and Masonic hospitality. Having previously reported, verbally, all the particulars of this transaction, and believing there will be a change made in the administration of this Lodge at the election about to occur, I will not further allude to the matter. With this single exception, I have found all the Lodges in harmony with, and loyal to, the M. W. Grand Lodge, and desirous to do all in their power to promote its prosperity.

I have found the Charters of the various Lodges well preserved and in their appropriate place in the Lodge.

An inspection of the ceremony of tying demonstrated that it was, in every Lodge, performed in accordance with the ancient and established usage of the Fraternity.

The By-Laws, in most instances, were properly approved by the M. W. Grand Lodge. I gave instructions that such as did not bear the attestation of the Grand Secretary should be submitted for approval at once.

The Records of a majority of the Lodges are well kept, and in the appropriate phraseology of the Order; many of them with an accuracy, legibility and neatness worthy of the highest commendation. Some suggestions of desirable improvements in their methods of keeping the Records were made to two or three of the Secretaries, which they gladly received and promised to follow. Many of the old Lodges have always recorded the names of every member and visitor present at every Communication. It has been suggested to all the Secretaries, that, if this is not always practicable, at least, the number of members and visitors present should always be made a matter of record.

I have received from each Lodge in the District its Returns and Grand Lodge dues, and have delivered them to the Grand Treasurer.

The Book of Constitutions and General Regulations of the M. W. Grand Lodge was, upon inquiry, found in each Lodge, and the Masters of a majority of the Lodges informed me that so much of it as relates to subordinate Lodges had been read annually.

The Records of the Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge for 1873, and for the first three quarters of 1874, were asked for and received in eleven out of the thirteen Lodges comprising this District. Some of the Lodges have them bound and preserved for reference. This plan was recommended to them all.

The financial condition of each Lodge was made a matter of special inquiry, resulting in the revelation of a very satisfactory state of things, generally, considering the great depression which exists in every branch of industry in the District.

I have, in conformity with instructions received, called the attention of the members of all the Lodges to the capitation tax, and have suggested the advantages which would follow a commutation of the remaining payments.

I have also urged upon the Masters and Wardens the importance of a more punctual attendance on the Communications of the M. W. Grand Lodge.

The attention of the Secretaries of all the Lodges has been called to the importance of completing the register of their members and transmitting the same to the Grand Secretary as soon as completed.

Two Dispensations have been granted to confer the degrees, out of the regular course, the circumstances appearing to justify such action.

The ceremony of opening the Lodge in Due Form was performed, and the work was exemplified for my inspection in every Lodge but one. The dissensions and discord which have disturbed the harmony and impaired the usefulness of this Lodge have been so serious, that they had no work, and would have been unable satisfactorily to have performed it if they had. Your familiarity with the condition of this Lodge, and the causes that led to it, render it unnecessary for me to detail it here. It gives me pleasure to inform you that your timely visit and judicious advice have resulted in a cessation of these troubles, and the restoration of peace, harmony and good-will. Their Grand Lodge dues have been paid, a new corps of officers elected, and we have now good reason to expect that this old Lodge, which has, for more than one hundred years, sustained a reputation second to none in this District, for excellence of work and for hospitality and good fellowship, will speedily regain the honorable position which it has hitherto maintained.

In nearly all the Lodges, the ceremony of opening was performed in accordance with the form adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge. The

beauty of this ceremony has been greatly enhanced by the attention which has been given to music in most of the Lodges during the past year.

I regret to say that, in one Lodge, to which reference has previously been made, the work was so radically different from what is considered the present standard of Grand Lodge work, and so unlike anything I had ever witnessed anywhere, that it appeared to be imperatively necessary that one of the Grand Lecturers should be employed to correct the numerous errors that had obtained. Such recommendation was accordingly made.

As this is my first year of service in my present capacity, I am unable to institute any comparison between the present work and condition of the Lodges and that of former years. The facts, however, will justify the statement that the average standard of work in the District is a high one, and that careful attention has been paid to the ritual of the Grand Lodge, and both the superior and subordinate officers have zealously endeavored to be as accurate as possible in rendering the work in accordance with the annual exemplification. It is very important that there should be some absolute standard of the work, and a perfect agreement between the Grand Lecturers in their method of rendering it. One noticeable instance of the differences which exist occurred at one of my visitations, where the audience was composed of the members of two Lodges, about evenly divided. One half of the Brethren present gave one of the ***** as they had been recently instructed by one of the Grand Lecturers to give it, and the other gave it as it has always hitherto been given. There were some other noticeable variations in the work, for which the same authority was quoted. This lack of uniformity gave rise to much dissatisfaction and remark. It is apparent that these differences must be corrected, or they will cause confusion and injury to the Order.

Some of the Brethren have suggested that many of the inconveniences attending the annual exemplification of the work might be obviated by having it for the officers of Lodges only, and by having the exemplification for the Brethren generally take place in the several Districts.

Owing to the unprecedented depression in business, applications for relief have, in some parts of the District, been very numerous; but the Brethren have cheerfully responded to Charity's call, and have not failed to exercise that liberal benevolence which is the crowning glory of our Order.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the obligations I am under to the Brethren who accompanied me on my visitations: to Worshipful Bro. Ephraim Alfred Ingalls, whose devotion to the Order, and long

experience in official positions and whose popularity among the Brethren rendered especially valuable his assistance and advice; to Brethren John Albree and William Badger Phillips, I am indebted for many valuable suggestions in reference to the form and method of keeping the Records, which have been gladly adopted. Worshipful Bro. T. Fred. Martin, who acted as Marshal, was entitled to, and received, the commendation of the Brethren for his prompt and efficient discharge of the duties of his office.

I should do injustice to my feelings, were I to fail to give expression to my appreciation of, and my thanks for, the invariable courtesy and kindness of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles H. Titus, in all my intercourse with him during the past year.

Thanking you for the honor of the appointment, and hoping my endeavors faithfully to discharge its duties will meet your approbation,

I am, very respectfully yours,

GEORGE F. BREED,

D. D. G. Master Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

METHUEN, December 1, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I herewith submit my third annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.

The past year, like the two preceding years, has been characterized by an absence of anything of peculiar importance. The Lodges have all been prosperous and harmonious, and have shown an increased interest rather than its opposite. The amount of work performed, as shown by the Annual Returns, falls a little below that reported a year ago.

One hundred and fourteen initiates were returned last year, ninety-four this year. The amount of money received falls but little short of the amount last year, thus showing that, in spite of hard times and depression in business, the interest in our Fraternity has been well sustained, and the estimation in which it is held by the community in no wise diminished.

I have visited officially every Lodge in the District, in nearly every instance with a full suite. There has been a decided improvement in the work of several of the Lodges, and none have taken steps backward. The Records of the Lodges, on the whole, exhibit greater merit than when my acquaintance with them commenced, two years ago. There were then some fine specimens of Lodge Records; but some of the Secretaries seem to have gained a more correct idea of what a record should be, and the Records of the District are now more uniformly good than then. Most of the Lodges in this District are proficient in the new work, and some of them have it more correctly than they had the old. They were much aided in acquiring the new work by a Convention which was held at Haverhill on the fifth of March last, under the instruction of W. E. Dana Bancroft. The Convention met in the afternoon, and the work of the first and second degrees was exemplified respectively by St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, and Grecian Lodge, Lawrence. The work of the third degree was shown in the evening by Merrimack Lodge, Haverhill. Every Lodge in the District was well represented by its officers, some of them showing a degree of interest unexpected and peculiarly gratifying. Although none but officers of Lodges, outside of Haverhill, were invited, more than two hundred Brethren were present, representing thirty-one Lodges.

The meeting was in every way a success, has had a marked influence on the work of the Lodges, and, I hope, in the interest of uniform and correct work, my successor will cause a similar meeting to be held the coming year.

I need not remind you that a new Lodge (Cochichewick) is now working under Dispensation at North Andover. This new Lodge is, I think, needed, and no official act I have been asked to perform commended itself more clearly to my judgment than that of signing an approval of the petition of the Brethren of North Andover for a Dispensation. Cochichewick Lodge has a snug hall, neatly and tastefully furnished, and a corps of officers who are manifesting great interest in their enterprise. They have plenty of good material offering; and, I doubt not, will be found worthy to be constituted into a regular Lodge in due time.

Charles C. Dame Lodge, Georgetown, has been deprived of the use of its hall for a time by the fire which inflicted so heavy a blow on the business interests of that town. The Masonic Hall was badly damaged by fire and water; but, fortunately, the building was well insured, and the loss to the owners will not be heavy. The furniture was removed from the hall before the fire reached it, so that the Lodge will suffer slight pecuniary loss in that particular. The Lodge now holds its Communications in the elegant hall belonging to the Odd Fellows, who

generously offered the Lodge the use of their apartments before the fire was fully extinguished.

I have granted Dispensations to confer the second and third degrees out of course, in a few instances, and those of such a nature as seemed to justify it. In concluding my term of service as District Deputy Grand Master, I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to you for an appointment which has enabled me to form a most pleasant acquaintance with the Brethren of the Sixth District. My personal and official intercourse with them all has been of the most courteous and friendly character, and I commend them to my successor as Brethren with whom it is a pleasure to associate, and for whom we may confidently hope a continuance of the harmony and prosperity that now prevail.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOSEPH S. HOWE,

D. D. G. Master Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

LOWELL, December 9, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*: —

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit herewith my sixth annual report as D. D. G. Master of the Seventh Masonic District.

I have visited officially every Lodge under my jurisdiction, with one exception, and am pleased to bear witness to the healthy and highly satisfactory condition in which I found each and every Lodge so visited, as well as the uniform kindness and courtesy with which I have been invariably greeted as your representative.

I have been more than pleased, also, with the large attendance upon the meetings, and the earnest and careful attention bestowed upon the exemplification of the work in all cases.

In my visits I found the Masters, Wardens and officers all good men and true, devoted to the well-being and prosperity of the Institution of Masonry in general, and of their respective Lodges in particular.

My labors have been materially lightened, during the last few years, by the earnest and growing desire evinced by the officers of the various Lodges to perfect themselves in the work of the Grand Lodge, as officially promulgated.

By the accompanying tabular statement, you will observe that there has been about the average number of initiates during the past year, with more than the average increase in membership.

	No. of Members.		Initiates.		Present at Official Visit.	
	1873	1874	1873	1874	1873	1874
Aurora	196	203	17	8	73	131
Ancient York	192	199	9	11	61	87
Caleb Butler	83	93	6	8	36	48
Charles W. Moore . .	100	124	27	14	64	78
Killwinning	50	59	2	1	40	56
Pentucket	274	294	12	15	110	141
Saint Paul	68	70	2	5	24	59
Trinity	149	159	8	13	71	80
Wilber	92	106	11	15	69	
William North . . .	137	156	20	20	58	94

And now, Most Worshipful, in closing my stewardship of six years' service as District Deputy Grand Master of this District, allow me to thank you for your kindness and consideration, and for the high honor which you have conferred upon me, as well as the confidence which you have been pleased to repose in me.

To have served continuously through two such administrations as your own and that of your immediate predecessor, is an honor not lightly to be esteemed, and I shall ever cherish it with pride and satisfaction. With renewed assurances of regard and esteem,

I am, very respectfully and fraternally yours,

HENRY P. PERKINS,

D. D. G. Master Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

GREENFIELD, Dec. 1, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts* :—

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—As another Masonic year is numbered with the past, I herewith enclose the customary Returns and abstracts of work for the District placed by you under my charge.

In conformity to the requirements of my office, I have visited, officially, every Lodge in the District, and am pleased to be able to report a very satisfactory spirit of emulation amongst them.

At every visit, I saw exemplified one of the degrees, and in all cases carefully examined the Charter, By-Laws and Records.

The Charters—some running back into the previous century—are carefully preserved. In the case of one,—Harmony, of Northfield,—it seems worthy of mention, that, of all the Lodges in the vicinity, this alone did not return its Charter during the anti-Masonic furor. For seventy-eight years the Charter has remained with the Brethren; and during all the trials and discouragements of its more than threescore and ten years, they have remained true to the principles of the Institution.

The By-Laws in use have been approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Records I found neatly kept, and the various matters of business exhibited with sufficient minuteness and particularity. Much of the success of many of the Lodges I attribute to the able efforts and faithful services of their Secretaries; indeed, I have long considered the Secretary's office second only to the Master's.

In this District, it has been the custom for the Deputy to make his official visits alone; I have deviated from this practice, and have, where it was practicable, taken a Marshal, and in some cases a full suite of officers, with me, and could not but observe the increased pleasure and appreciation of the Lodges on such occasions. I think it has acted as a stimulus to them, and has been the means of a renewed interest in Masonry.

By your invitation, I attended the dedication of the new Masonic apartments of Star Lodge, Athol Depot, acting as Junior Grand Warden.

February 17th, at the request of several Lodges, I arranged for a meeting with Republican Lodge, Greenfield, for the purpose of enabling the officers to become proficient in the work of the Order.

At this meeting, W. E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer, presided, and exemplified the third degree. Eight of the eleven Lodges in this District were represented by their officers and a goodly number of members. It was an occasion of great interest and real enjoyment. Perhaps in this connection I ought to mention the fact that, last year, Republican Lodge held a similar meeting, with visiting Brethren from neighboring Lodges, at which W. Brother Bancroft exemplified the first and second degrees.

Several applications for Dispensations to confer degrees, short of the usual time required, have been received. In cases where it has seemed for the good of the Order, I have granted them, but in all doubtful cases have felt constrained to refuse.

The duties of a District Deputy Grand Master are, indeed, many and various, and not the least of them is the fact that it is tacitly understood that the incumbent will possess a knowledge of Masonic law, and will dispense it at sight, on any and all of the unique questions which constantly arise under manifold circumstances; but in this, I have enjoyed the confidence of the Lodges, and have found my decisions respected. I give below the aggregate of initiates and members for the year, and which, you will observe, shows a gratifying increase,—remembering that the exhibit includes the returns of two new Lodges, which have been added to this District since last year.

Whole number of Initiates for the year 1873,	86
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1874,	105
“ “ “ Members returned in 1873,	810
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1874,	978

In conclusion, I am happy to say that the Lodges are, as a whole, in good working order; the officers of most of them having a generous enthusiasm in the performance of their duties. At least four Lodges exhibited work which, for its perfectness, promptness and impressiveness, I have never seen excelled. Throughout, in making my official visits, as well as in the performance of all duties as your representative, I have been received with distinguished kindness and an overflowing hospitality.

Thanking you for the honor of the appointment, I remain,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

BOWDOIN S. PARKER,

D. D. G. Master Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

SOUTH ADAMS, December 1, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* :—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit this, my sixth annual report of my doings as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District, for the year 1874.

I have during the year and in my official capacity visited all the Lodges in the District; and, upon special invitation, have installed the officers at subsequent visits. I have also, under your commission and acting as your proxy, dedicated to Masonic purposes the new rooms of Globe Lodge at Hinsdale, and Williams Lodge of Williamstown. I have made a careful examination of all the Records and books of each Lodge, and found them neatly and accurately kept. The Charters are in a good state of preservation; the By-Laws and Amendments thereto approved by the Grand Lodge. It gives me great pleasure to say that, at no time since my appointment, six years ago, has there been such a general state of good feeling and brotherly love as exists at the present time. Order and decorum prevail at their Communications; and the members appear to have clear perceptions of the principles and ground-work of Masonry, and its mission among mankind.

In regard to work, as it is called, I cannot make a very flattering report. There is not that degree of uniformity which has existed heretofore, owing to certain causes which are well understood by the Fraternity. When the Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, perfects, adopts and promulgates a finished ritual, allow no one to *alter* or *change* it in the least. I should recommend that some measures be taken to give all of the Lodges full instruction, and oblige them strictly to comply with the letter and spirit of the ritual. By this means, I should hope to see greater uniformity in the work of the Lodges throughout the Commonwealth.

I have granted only two Dispensations during the year for conferring the degrees out of the regular time, and then for a good cause.

No public processions have been formed contrary to the provisions of the Constitutions of the Order; all cheerfully yielding a ready submission to the well-known views of the M. W. Grand Master in this matter.

In reviewing my Masonic labors for the past six years, I find that in my official capacity I have devoted one-twelfth of my time each year to the interests of the Fraternity; I do not, however, regret the time thus spent, for I have formed very many pleasant associations and acquaintances, and my intercourse with the Brotherhood has been of such pleasant character, that the recollections of it will be among the happiest experiences of my life. It is a source of satisfaction to me, to feel and to know that I have labored faithfully and earnestly to promote the interests and welfare of the Craft. To hold up high the standard of Masonry, to encourage the young men to aim at a higher degree of moral excellence in purity of life and conduct, and to direct them, in the light of divine truth, to paths which lead upward and onward to brighter scenes and worlds above, has been the leading thought and desire of my heart. I have endeavored to do all the good possible; how well or how far I have succeeded, the records of the future must reveal.

Trusting to an all-wise Providence to rule all things for the good of all, I am content to leave the result of my labors in His hands.

Thanking you sincerely for your many acts of courtesy and kindness, allow me, in conclusion, to express my best wishes for your present and future happiness and prosperity.

I remain, yours fraternally,

DANIEL UPTON,

D. D. G. Master Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

CHICOPEE FALLS, November 9, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, *Most Worshipful Grand Master of
Masons in Massachusetts:*—

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and again I am reminded that one of the duties of the closing year is the rendering of an account of my stewardship as District

Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District. Again it affords me great pleasure to assure you of the continued and increasing prosperity of Masonry in this District.

Although we, as a District, have been peculiarly blessed heretofore, yet never more than during the present year, in which our Lodges have continued to flourish, our union to strengthen, and our happiness to abound.

From the large number of initiates, it might seem, to the casual observer, that perhaps we might be becoming a little lax in the guarding of the outer door; yet, when we look at the large number of rejections, it will appear that the applicants have been pretty thoroughly inspected, and that something has been required to entitle a person to admission more than the mere act of applying.

From a personal acquaintance with most of the citizens of the District, as well as with the applicants, I am proud to say that the petitions have mostly come from the better class; and that for a good and worthy man not to be a Mason, is getting to be rather the exception than the rule.

It has been my pleasure to officially visit every Lodge in the District. These visits have all been occasions of happy reunions with the Brethren; and although, perhaps, I may be considered vain in the statement, yet I cannot refrain from saying that my heart swells with pride for the Tenth Masonic District.

During the year, Hampden, Roswell Lee and Mt. Holyoke Lodges have fitted and furnished new halls, and are now occupying commodious and beautiful apartments.

With a single exception, no event has happened during the year to mar the happiness of the Brethren. The disaster which befell Hampshire Lodge did indeed fill them with horror, and their bosoms with grief—a disaster which, without a moment's warning, swept away their beautiful hall, and all which they as a Lodge possessed; which wrenched from the hands of fourteen of the Brethren the entire, hard-earned accumulations of years of toil, and the lives of the families of two of the number.

Through the kindness of Rt. Worshipful Brother Knox, of Worcester, and the Brethren of Jerusalem Lodge, in loaning the necessary articles, the Lodge has continued to meet.

On the 5th of November it was my pleasure to meet twenty-eight of the Brethren, on the occasion of their annual election of officers.

I found that, through the generosity of the ladies of the Congregational Society, they were occupying apartments in the vestry of the church, consisting of a large room, used as a hall, two small rooms, one used as a preparation, and the other as an ante-room. They also have a kitchen

and closets, which, taken altogether, furnish them very comfortable apartments.

These have been occupied free of rent; and I was informed that they could continue to be used until others could be procured.

As the Lodge was without funds, I have issued a circular to the several Lodges in the District, and hope to obtain the necessary funds to furnish the rooms in a suitable manner, and provide an entire outfit.

On the twenty-fourth day of September, as is our usual custom, the Lodges of the District met in convention, for the exemplification of the work.

This year, our meeting was with Mt. Moriah Lodge, of Westfield, where, under the direction of Worshipful Brother E. Dana Bancroft, the work and lectures were exemplified and criticised. After the conclusion of the first degree, the Masters of the several Lodges in the District were appointed a committee, who retired and escorted to the hall Grand Master Sereno Dwight Nickerson, Past Grand Master William Parkman, Grand Secretary Rev. Charles H. Titus, and Grand Marshal William H. Chessman, who were duly received and welcomed to the Tenth District.

At the conclusion of the second degree, the Brethren were called from labor to refreshment, and invited to partake of a collation spread by the Brethren of Mt. Moriah Lodge.

On repairing to the Banquet Hall, great was our surprise, not only to see the tables so beautifully spread and served by men, but that fair woman was present to grace the occasion.

When we witnessed the zeal of the Brethren of Mt. Moriah Lodge on this occasion, and saw how the ladies were interested in assisting to make all a success, we ceased to wonder how Mt. Moriah, being a country Lodge, could occupy such magnificent apartments, and show such a financial record.

We then returned to the hall, and, after the conclusion of the work and criticisms of the third degree, listened to remarks from the Grand Master, Past Grand Master Parkman and R. W. Grand Secretary. Resolutions of thanks to the Grand Master and Grand Officers, for their presence on the occasion; to W. Brother Bancroft, accompanied with the wages of a Master Mason, for his valuable instructions and criticisms, and to the Brethren of Mt. Moriah Lodge for their generous hospitality, having been adopted, we parted, feeling that another link had been added to the chain which so closely binds the Brethren of this District together.

Again, then, Most Worshipful, in closing the duties of my fourth year as District Deputy Grand Master, I desire to tender my heartfelt

gratitude and thanks to the Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge for the honors conferred, the kindnesses shown, and the assistance rendered during the various terms of my office; and also to the Brethren of this District for the ready compliance with all requirements, and for all their many courtesies which have rendered the discharge of my duties a pleasure, and our many meetings happy reunions, the sweet remembrance of which

"Can ne'er forgotten be."

Humbly hoping that the discharge of my duties this year may have been such as to merit the continued approbation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge, and such as will tend to promote the good of our Order,

I am, very respectfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM J. SAWIN,

D. D. G. Master Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WORCESTER, December 5, 1874.

To SERENO D. NICKERSON, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eleventh District.

I have, during the year now closing, visited officially each Lodge in the District, and in addition have installed the officers of seven Lodges under my charge.

I am happy to report that a good degree of unity and brotherly love exists among the Brethren.

In two or three instances, the work of the third degree, as recently laid down by the Grand Lodge, was not up to the standard, and the services of a Grand Lecturer are much needed. The disposition manifest among the Brethren, however, to perfect themselves in the work is commendable.

I have found the general financial condition of the Lodges in this District quite satisfactory. The labor in obtaining a full and complete roster of the Members of the Fraternity is found to be somewhat diffi-

cult, particularly among the older Lodges, whose Members are widely scattered. This matter is being persistently followed up, and will, I trust, at no distant day, reach completion.

No Dispensations have been granted in the Eleventh District the past year.

Two aged Brethren have recently passed to their reward from Worcester, viz: Bro. Clarendon Wheelock, aged 70, who received his first degree in Morning Star Lodge, October 18, 1825, and Bro. Rev. Otis Converse, aged 83, who received his degrees in Solomon's Temple Lodge, of Uxbridge, in 1823. Both of these Brethren to the very last retained their devotion to the Order they loved so well.

Below please find a tabular statement of members and visitors present at the Communications when my official visits were made:

	Members Present.	Visitors.	Total.	Av. for the Year.
Morning Star	28	14	42	44
Mount Zion	20	4	24	15
Montacute	33	23	56	40
Webster	23	3	27	20
Oxford	13	3	16	18
United Brethren	22	4	26	28
Doric	17	5	22	26
Athelstan	33	17	50	35
Saint Bernard	14	9	23	14
Quinsigamond	15	8	23	14
Spencer	23	16	39	23

The authority deputed to me, to formally heal a Brother, was duly exercised, and return of my doings was made immediately.

My intercourse with the Brethren of this District, the year past, has been most pleasant and satisfactory, and as the representative of the M. W. Grand Master, I have been received by the Brethren with that attention and consideration which is due to the head of so honorable a Body as I have had the honor to represent.

To the Brethren who have accompanied and assisted me in the discharge of my official duties, I desire to return thanks.

And, in closing, allow me, M. W. Grand Master, to acknowledge the appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by appointment to the position I have held the past two years, and to also express the earnest wish that you may always be held in as high esteem by the community at large as you have been by Brethren of our wide-spread Fraternity during the years you have presided over the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JOSEPH B. KNOX,

D. D. G. Master Eleventh Masonic District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

MILFORD, November 9, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — As time flies, I am reminded that it becomes my duty to make my sixth report for the Twelfth Masonic District.

I have personally visited every Lodge in the District, and witnessed such work as Lodges had regularly before them, except in two instances, when permission was granted, at an official visitation, to raise a candidate a few days before the regular term had expired; and I find that the work of the District, as a whole, has not been suffered to lose its good reputation. From circumstances of which you are fully aware, a certain part of one of the degrees has somewhat troubled Lodges remote from opportunities of instruction; but the zealous endeavor which I have noticed on the part of officers, will, by the means afforded at the next exemplification, make this as it should be.

The degrees have been conferred in four more instances than in the previous year, although eight less initiations appear in the report; so that the amount of actual work is fully up to that of last year. The statistical table will give all details.

I desire to thank the Secretaries of the several Lodges for having their Returns ready at the time of my visitations.

The blanks forwarded by the Grand Secretary to Lodges, for the purpose of obtaining information to complete the Masonic Register, Secretaries are at work upon, and will forward them as soon as they obtain what information is possible.

At part of my visitations I have been favored with a full suite of Past Masters, some of them belonging to the Lodge visited, and others to neighboring Lodges; these, and the Brethren who have severally accompanied me as Marshal, I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance.

How kindly I have been received by the Brethren, none but those who know can tell.

In conclusion, I can safely say, that the interests of the Institution are well cared for by the Brethren in the Twelfth District, and several fine Masonic apartments testify to the zeal and liberality of such as therein have made an attractive Masonic retreat; and if the principles

taught in our Order are heartily received and exemplified in our transactions in life, no town or community will feel but to rejoice that a Masonic Altar is erected in its midst.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. STACY,

D. D. G. Master Twelfth Masonic District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

NORWOOD, December 7, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have the honor to submit my first official report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

I have officially visited each Lodge in this District during the past year, and I am happy to report that they are in a very satisfactory and healthy condition.

I have witnessed an exemplification of the work of some one of the three degrees in every Lodge in the District, which, with few exceptions, was rendered correctly and in a very impressive manner; showing great interest and a strong desire of perfecting themselves in Grand Lodge work as exemplified by the Grand Lecturers.

I have noticed a disposition in a few Lodges where the work was not quite up to the desired standard, to complain of the constant changing of the work. To these I have recommended the services of a Grand Lecturer; which recommendation, I have no doubt, if adopted, will enable them to rank higher another year, and perhaps convince them that they, too, have slightly departed from the ritual handed down to them by their predecessors.

The Records of the Lodges I found in good condition. The Secretaries, with few exceptions, have adopted the custom of recording the names of all the members and visitors present at each Communication.

The By-Laws of every Lodge in the District, with one exception, have been approved by the Grand Lodge. My criticisms and sugges-

tions have been kindly and gratefully received by the Brethren throughout the District.

As your representative, I have been received on every occasion with official respect and Brotherly kindness.

The result of my intercourse with the Brethren the past year more than compensates for the time and anxiety appertaining to the official duties of my office.

On every occasion, the Returns were ready and the dues to the Grand Lodge promptly paid.

I have, during the past year, installed the officers of St. Alban's and Orient Lodges, and performed the ceremony of formally healing a Brother, as instructed and authorized by you—a report of which you have already received.

I have visited, by special invitation, Norfolk Lodge, under Dispensation, at Needham. I found the Brethren in a prosperous condition, doing very good work, and conducting everything according to the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity. The Lodge is well officered, and bids fair to rank high in the future.

The following table contains the number of members and visitors present at my official visits, and the average attendance of members during the past year : —

Lodges.	Members.	Visitors.	Av. Attendance.
Bristol	24	7	21
King David	102	51	39
Rising Star	30	46	27
Saint Alban's	40	14	26
Orient	33	16	36
Blue Hill	37	36	21
Saint James	18	0	20
Alfred Baylies	26	6	21
Hyde Park	44	56	36
Ionic	46	26	20
Paul Dean	50	50	28
Ezekiel Bates	53	34	33
Constellation	52	33	48
Charles H. Titus	45	10	19

I feel under great obligations to the Brethren who have accompanied me as members of my suite, and also to the Brethren throughout the District, for the interest manifested by them in the work of the degrees, and for the friendly and brotherly manner in which they have received and entertained me and my suite. Hoping that this, my first official

report, may be acceptable to you, allow me to return to you, for this honorable position and the confidence which you have reposed in me, my sincere thanks.

I am, fraternally and respectfully yours,

GEORGE L. RHOADS,

D. D. G. Master Thirteenth Masonic District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

NEW BEDFORD, October 15, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The lapse of time, and with it the close of another year, betokens the duty and pleasure of communicating to you my official labors as your representative in the Fourteenth Masonic District.

I have been especially favored with the privilege of visiting personally every Lodge in the District during the year, and upon each occasion due respect has been extended to me and every facility given me in pursuance of my official duties.

I have exercised great care and devoted much attention to a careful examination of the Records, realizing the great importance attached thereto; and although the labors and responsibilities of the Secretaries have materially increased, from personal observation I am enabled to say, with much commendation, that they have faithfully performed their duties, and I would congratulate the several Lodges upon having secured the services of Brethren so eminently qualified for the position.

Upon my visitation to Union Lodge, Nantucket, I was informed by the Worshipful Master that the Lodge had in its possession the entire record, from the date of its Charter, May 27th, 1771, to the present time, in triplicate; and by my request the Secretary has affixed to the Returns of the Lodge a complete list of the names of the Brethren who have served as Worshipful Masters, and the dates of their term of service, during its entire existence, a period of more than a century. This pre-

caution against a destruction of the record I deemed so highly important, that, while making subsequent visitations, I suggested this example of prudence, presented by the oldest Lodge in the District, and trust that the same will be unanimously adopted.

The work as rendered by the Lodges, has, I am pleased to say, reached a much higher standard for correctness and impressiveness than in former years, and a lively interest prevails among the Brethren with reference to the same. In the instances where there has been but a small amount of work before the Lodge, I find by the record that frequent exemplifications and strenuous efforts are made to acquire a satisfactory degree of proficiency, and which have been commendably exhibited in the work as shown in my presence. All corrections to which I have called attention have been kindly received, and all seem desirous of observing a strict adherence to the ritual as sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

I have had application for, and granted, eight Dispensations, to confer degrees within the prescribed time upon Brethren who had regularly received the first degree; but, owing to their limited tarry at home, and their absence extending through a series of years, I deemed it strictly within the spirit of the Grand Constitutions to grant them.

The Charters I found in a state of good preservation, carefully encased and duly cared for by the Worshipful Masters, to whose immediate charge they are intrusted.

The By-Laws of the Lodges having been so recently before the Grand Lodge for approval, I refrain from special reference to the same at this time.

The Returns have all been duly received, and, together with the amount of dues in full, delivered to the Grand Treasurer. Much care and application have been bestowed upon them by the Masters and Secretaries, in order that they might be full and complete; and I would hereby acknowledge my appreciation of their special service.

And now, Most Worshipful Brother, as our present official relations are about to close, I desire to offer you my sincere thanks for the honor conferred and confidence reposed in me; and if my labors have merited your approval, together with the pleasure of the Brethren, my aim has been accomplished.

I would also acknowledge at this time my indebtedness to those Brethren who have so kindly accompanied me upon my annual visitations, and materially aided me in the discharge of my duty.

To the officers and members of the Lodges in the District, I extend my gratitude, in appreciation of their fraternal greetings and kindly attentions so generously extended.

Peace and concord prevail throughout the District, and the year closes amid the joys and pleasures attending a prosperous and harmonious season.

Fraternally yours,

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,

D. D. G. Master Fourteenth Masonic District.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

PROVINCETOWN, December 7, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I herewith submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifteenth Masonic District.

I have officially visited all the Lodges within my jurisdiction, and, as far as practicable, have been accompanied by a full suite of officers.

The Lodges generally are in a very healthy condition. The work is of a very high order, and I can bear testimony to its general conformity to that taught by the Grand Lecturers. The officers evince a desire to perfect themselves in the ritual, and, in connection with the Brethren, to carry out those exalted principles which are inculcated in the lectures and charges of our beloved Institution.

The Charters of the several Lodges have been well preserved; the Records, in most instances, have been kept in a most admirable manner; and the Returns have been made with a degree of correctness which is highly commendable.

No Lodge has asked permission to appear in public during the year; and I am not aware that any have done so, except to follow the remains of a departed Brother to the grave.

In all my visits to the Lodges, I have been received with the utmost cordiality, courtesy and true Masonic hospitality, which has very much lightened the duties of my office, and gone far to make them a pleasure rather than a labor.

I desire here to express my obligations to those Brethren who have assisted me in my official visits, especially to Brother Joseph S. Atwood, who has accompanied me on all of them.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the honor of this appointment,

I am, most truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN W. ATWOOD,

D. D. G. Master Fifteenth Masonic District.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

BRAINTREE, Dec. 1, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts* :—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—During the past Masonic year, I have visited, as your representative, every Lodge in my District. The Lodges are apparently in good condition, and general harmony prevails among the Brethren.

The following table shows the number of members and visiting Brethren present at my annual visitation, together with the number of meetings held by each Lodge during the year, and the average attendance of the members :

	No. Members Present.	No. Visitors.	No. of Meetings.	Av. Attendance.
Old Colony	46	160	15	33
Fellowship	65	68	50	29
Rural	74	55	13	30
Corner Stone	30	25	17	23
Norfolk Union	31	71	16	18
Orphan's Hope	70	86	19	47
Plymouth	50	42	46	24
Paul Revere	65	142	43	32
John Cutler	38	12	17	27
Konohassett	30	6	16	25
Delta	49	130	22	34
Puritan	39	76	27	22
Phoenix	34	23	8	26

The W. Masters and officers of all the Lodges have shown a determination to perfect themselves in the work, and have so far succeeded as to present in their exemplifications most gratifying results.

In closing my official connection with the District, I desire to express my thanks to the officers and members of the several Lodges in the District for their uniform kindness and courtesy.

The Craft, as well as myself, are under deep obligations to R. W. Brothers Burr and Loring, and W. Bro. Stephenson, of Old Colony Lodge, Hingham; W. Bro. Bouvé, of Konohassett Lodge, Cohasset; Bro. C. G. Thompson, of Delta Lodge, Weymouth, for the time and attention given by them as members of my suite.

To their skill, their knowledge of the work, and their promptness in the discharge of their respective duties, and to their uniform urbanity, I am deeply indebted.

I beg leave to return to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have bestowed in conferring upon me the position I have occupied.

I have the honor to be, fraternally yours,

EDWARD AVERY,

D. D. G. Master Sixteenth Masonic District

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

Boston, November 28, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am happy to report that all of the Lodges forming the Seventeenth Masonic District are in excellent condition. They have severally been instructed in the work and lectures by W. E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer.

The Lodges are united in their efforts, holding monthly meetings at the Temple in Boston, thereby steadily perfecting themselves in the ritual, and forming a chain of friendship which must be healthful and beneficial to each other and the Fraternity.

I have visited officially and unofficially the several Lodges committed to my charge, and the record shown in each is most gratifying.

I have granted but one Dispensation. I have installed the officers in all but two of the Lodges in the District.

As your representative, I have at all times been received with marked expressions of friendship and hospitality; every facility has been afforded me by the Brethren in the discharge of my duties; and I sincerely thank them, and all who so kindly assisted me as my suite, especially W. P. M. John Viall and Bro. Amos B. Morss, who attended me in all my visitations.

I shall ever cherish with grateful and lasting remembrance the Brethren of the Seventeenth Masonic District; may they continue to emulate your zeal and fidelity in all their engagements with, and obligations to, the Fraternity.

Again, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the honor conferred, and the many kindnesses shown me during the years I have served as your Deputy.

I am, with great respect,

Faternally yours,

SMITH B. HARRINGTON,

D. D. G. Master Seventeenth Masonic District.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

WARREN, December 2, 1874.

TO SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with the requirements of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I herewith submit my second annual report as D. D. G. Master for the Eighteenth District.

There are nine Chartered Lodges and one under Dispensation, all of which I have visited once (and some oftener) and witnessed their work.

I have found marked differences in the methods of performing the work in the several Lodges in the District. It is often the case that the new Lodges work better than the old ones, because they have not been obliged to unlearn old and imperfect work, which often requires more time and effort than it does to learn the correct work.

I have frequently found that the older members of some of the Lodges are very strongly attached to the forms and expressions which were used many years ago, and are reluctant to conform to the revised work of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

In my visits I have uniformly endeavored to impress upon the Lodges the importance of uniformity in the work and lectures, and have instructed them that the only method of attaining this is by conforming strictly to the work of the Grand Lodge. I have also instructed the Secretaries to keep a full record of the proceedings of their Lodges, including the petitions of candidates.

I have found that some of the Masters of the Lodges (in this as well as other Districts) have decided erroneously in some cases, and allowed their Lodges so to do, by not being conversant with the Grand Lodge Constitutions.

I have granted but one Dispensation, and that was to confer the second and third degree on a candidate now residing in Pennsylvania.

April 7th, I called a convention of the officers of the several Lodges in the District to meet with Quaboag Lodge. All the Lodges in the District were represented. The work was exemplified under the direction of W. Bro. E. Dana Bancroft. The visiting Brethren manifested their gratification by a vote of thanks to Quaboag Lodge, and expressed a desire to have the exemplification repeated another year.

The following table will show the number of initiates and the average attendance:

Lodges.	Initiates 1873.	Initiates 1874.	Average attendance
Newton	13	13	31
Quinebaug	14	3	23
Eden	10	4	26
Hayden	3	3	27
Day Spring	3	7	15
Vernon	3	11	20
Thomas	16	12	34
Bethel	4	3	not kept.
Quaboag	5	3	23
	<u>70</u>	<u>58</u>	

To the Brethren of the Eighteenth Masonic District I return my sincere thanks for their attention and brotherly kindness extended to me in my visits to their Lodges; and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the appointment.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN WETHERBEE,

D. D. G. Master Eighteenth Masonic District.

CHILI DISTRICT.

Note by the Grand Secretary.

The Returns from the two Lodges in this District, and the dues to the Grand Lodge, were promptly forwarded, but no additional report has been received.

CHINA DISTRICT.

SHANGHAI, October 26, 1874.

To SERENO DWIGHT NICKERSON, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My tenure of office has been so very brief that I have little information to give concerning Ancient Landmark Lodge, the only Lodge in this jurisdiction, beyond what is afforded by the Returns forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary herewith. From the Returns you will learn that many affiliations, deaths and dimits left the number of members almost unchanged; and though the amount of work done is small, as compared with some previous years, I think this is attributable to the fact that the *material* has greatly diminished.

On the evening of the 17th inst., assisted by the retiring Master, W. Bro. Hill, and several Past Masters under other jurisdictions, I in-

stalled the officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge, at a meeting called for this especial purpose. The principal officers are young and zealous, and in a truly Masonic spirit, W. Brothers Hill and Hjousbery have consented to act as Deacons. Those appointments were such, I believe not because younger Masons could not be found to fill the places, but because the Lodge wished to have the benefit of the experience of the W. Brothers above mentioned.

If able and zealous officers can secure the prosperity of their Lodge the present year should be a very prosperous one for the Ancient Landmark.

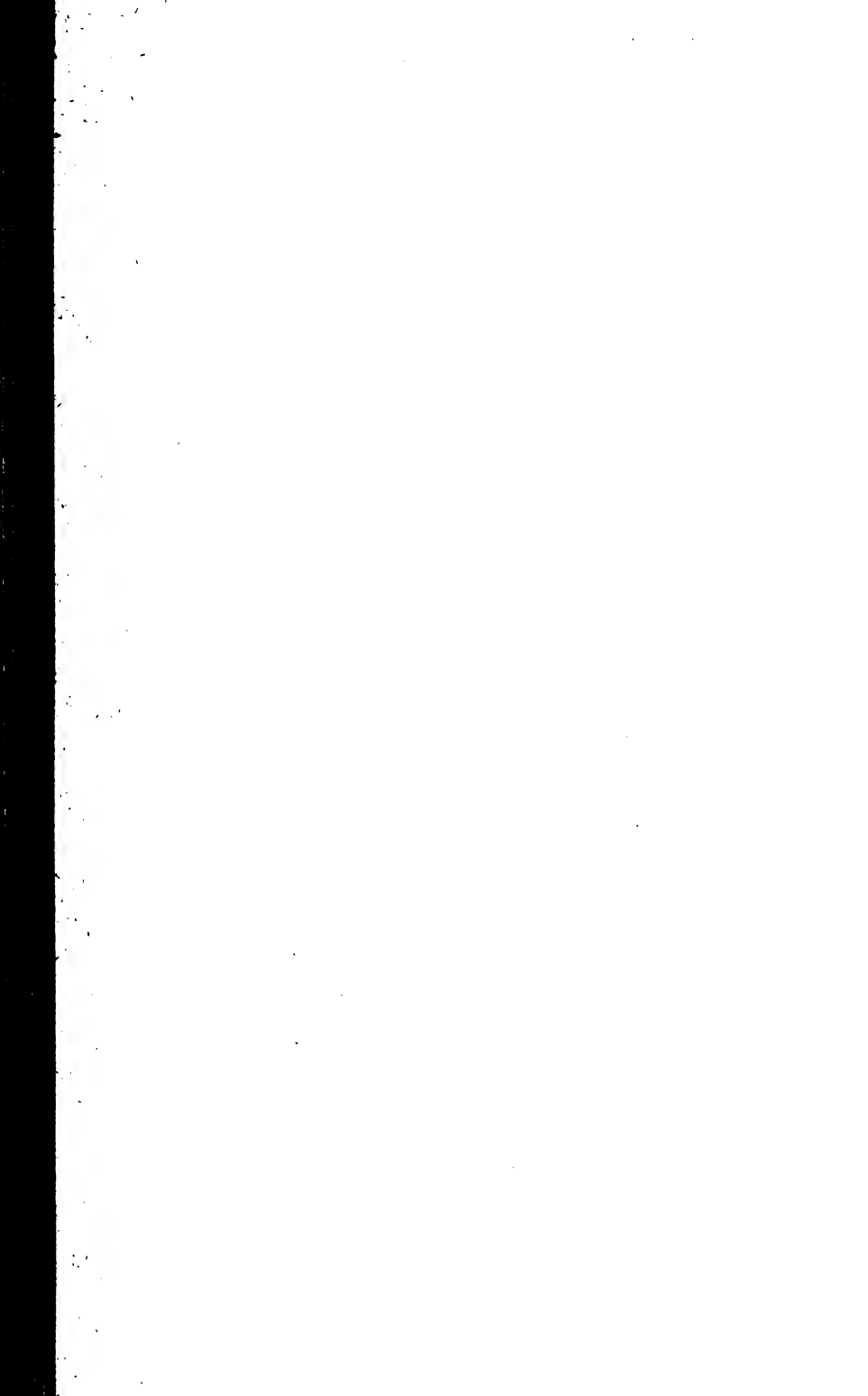
I remain, M. W. Sir,

Yours truly and fraternally,

ITHAMAR B. EAMES,

D. D. G. Master China District.

RETURNS OF LODGES.



FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Ratified.	No. of Brethren for Brethren.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Unfilled.	No. Discontinued from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Absent.	No. Reinstated.	No. Active Lodges.	No. Past Masters.
Saint John's	Boston.	16	14	14	1		1	11	1	5	302	17	1	14	
Saint Andrew's	Boston.	9	8	9	1			4		6	230	17	1	8	1
Massachusetts	Boston.	7	10	10	2			8	3	9	328	13	1	13	1
Columbian	Boston.	13	9	13	3			10		8	297	16		13	
Mount Lebanon	Boston.	12	12	12	1	1		1		1	101	3	1		
Germania	Boston.	14	14	14	1				1	1	67	4		12	
Winslow Lewis	Boston.	19	18	19	4			1	9	2	425	21		19	1
Revere	Boston.	7	10	10				4			81	7		10	1
Joseph Warren.	Boston.	4	4	4						1	70	9		6	
Aberdour	Boston.	4	4	4						1	63	4		6	1
Eleusis	Boston.	4	4	4											
Zetland	Boston.	4	4	4											
		105	103	111	13	1	1	39	14	33	2253	124	4	101	5

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN, District Deputy Grand Master.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomata.	No. Past Masters' Diplomata.
Amicable	Cambridge.	7	7	9	3			4	1	1	212	9		9	1
Faith	Boston.	6	6	6	1				3	3	102	8		10	1
Henry Price	Boston.	7	7	8	3			3			195	5		7	1
John Abbot	Somerville.	20	20	17	1			12	2	2	202	20		17	
King Solomon's	Boston.	9	9	8	2			2	11	2	229	1			
Mount Olivet	Cambridge.	7	10	9	2			2		1	107	10	1		
Palestine	Everett.	6	6	6	3						73	6		9	1
Robert Lash	Chelsea.	6	6	5	3			1	2	4	54	3		6	
Star of Bethlehem	Chelsea.	20	20	19	3			5			235	20	2	19	
William Sutton	Saugus.	5	4	4	2						71	7			
		93	94	89	22			27	13	13	1480	89	3	80	4

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WILLIAM H. KENT, District Deputy, Grand Master.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Bailed.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Washington	Boston Highlands.	27	23	27	5			5		3	273	32		20	
Union	Dorchester.	4	3	3				4		1	188	7		3	
Mount Tabor	East Boston.	15	15	12	9	5		1		4	283	9		15	
Saint Paul's	South Boston.	23	23	22	4	4				3	220	22		24	
Baalbec	East Boston.	15	14	14	6	5		2		1	139	16		18	
Gate of the Temple	South Boston.	12	12	12	4	1				2	173	15		4	1
Hammatt	East Boston.	11	9	9	6	5		2		3	107	14		10	
Lafayette	Boston Highlands.	4	4	9							112	11		4	1
Adelphi	South Boston.	17	12	12	2			1		3	84	15		18	
Eliot	West Roxbury.	5	5	3	1			1		2	81	5		6	
Rabboni	South Boston.	20	19	19	1						73	23		16	
Temple	East Boston.	8	7	9	3					1	101	10		10	
		161	146	151	41	20		.16		23	1843	178		148	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

CHARLES J. DANFORTH, District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Meridian	Natick.	8	9	6	4	4		2		3	157	11	4	6	
Corinthian	Concord.	7	7	7	2			2		1	85	9			
Bethesda	Brighton.	6	4	5	2			4		1	88	6		6	
Monitor	Waltham.	5	4	6	9			1		1	168	8	1	6	
Pequossette	Watertown.	9	9	9	2			4	2	1	117	10		9	
Dalhousie	Newtonville.	23	21	18	7			3		2	209	24	2	19	
Mizpah	Cambridge.	9	4	7	1		1	2			118	10		7	
Isaac Parker	Waltham.	11	10	8	6			1		2	89	10		6	
Belmont	Belmont.	3	4	4	5	2		1		2	72	4		4	
Beth-horon	Brookline.	10	10	9	1			1		1	68	11			
Charles A. Welch	Maynard.	8	11	11	12			4			41	15		11	
		99	93	90	51	6	1	24	2	14	1210	118	7	74	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

CHARLES A. WELCH, District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Elections for Degrees	No. Suspended	No. Expelled	No. Dimitted	No. Discharged from Membership	No. Deceased	No. of Members	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Tyrian	Gloucester.	3	3	3	2			4	1	1	165	4			
Acacia	Gloucester.	6	6	6	3	12		4	1	1	87	4			
Mosaic	Danvers.	7	6	6	2			1			53	5		6	
Mount Carmel	Lynn.	11	11	12	2			2			200	8		15	
Ashler	Rockport.	15	14	13	1			2		1	150	10	2		
Essex	Salem.	2	2	2	6	11		4		2	150	8		6	
Jordan	Peabody.	6	8	8	1			2		2	120	8	1	8	
Liberty	Beverly.	7	7	7	1	1					156	6	4	4	
Amity	Danvers.	8	8	8				1			134	10		8	
Golden Fleece	Lynn.	10	10	10	4	6		4			146	21	1	1	
John T. Heard	Ipswich.	4	7	6	3	3			1		88	6	1	3	
Starr King	Salem.	5	5	5	1	1		2	1		123	8		5	
Philanthropic	Marblehead.	2	2	2	1	2				1	89	1			
		86	89	88	27	36		26	2	9	1659	99	9	74	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

GEORGE F. BREED, District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Saint John's	Newburyport.	8	8	7	1			3	5	2	95	7	4	4	1
Merrimack	Haverhill.	7	6	6	6			3	3	2	199	8			
Saint Mark's	Newburyport.	7	5	6	4			1	9	1	106	7	9		
Warren	Amesbury.	7	5	6	5			1	9	3	158	7		7	1
Saint Matthew's	Andover.	6	5	5	2			2		1	99	10	1		
Grecian	Lawrence.	14	13	16	6			5		4	242	20	2	9	1
John Hancock	Methuen.	14	14	13	5			4			111	14			
Tuscan	Lawrence.	9	10	11	6			5	8	4	208	13		5	1
Sagadahew	Haverhill.	5	5	4						1	115	4		2	1
Charles C. Dame	Georgetown.	7	9	9	1			1		1	124	10		9	
Bethany	West Amesbury.	8	9	11	11			1		1	82	13		6	
Phœnician	Lawrence.	2	2	2	1					1	40	6		1	3
		94	91	96	42			26	34	21	1579	119	16	43	8

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

JOSEPH S. HOWE, District Deputy Grand Master.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges Diploma	No. Past Master's Diploma
Ancient York	Lowell.	11	10	8	3			1		1	189	9			
Aurora	Fitchburg.	8	8	6	3			2		3	203	12		20	
Caleb Butler	Ayer.	8	10	11	3			3			83	14	2	10	
Charles W. Moore	Fitchburg.	14	12	8	5			1			124	26		8	
Pentucket	Lowell.	15	13	17	9	13		2		5	294	21	19		
Kilwinning	Lowell.	7	7	7	7						59	9		10	
Saint Paul	Ayer.	5	5	5	1			3		2	70	7		4	
Trinity	Clinton.	13	13	12	8			2		2	159	12		29	
William North	Lowell.	20	18	19	9					2	156	21		15	
Wilder	Leominster.	15	15	16	4			3		1	106	18			
		116	111	109	50	13		17		14	1463	149	21	96	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

HENRY P. PERKINS, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomats.	No. Past Masters' Diplomats.
Republican	Greenfield.	10	15	17	1			14	9	2	190	31	6	13	
Harmony	Northfield.	9	7	9				8		1	67	9		14	
Pacific	Amherst.	3	3	3	2			2		1	98	5		5	
Mountain	Shelburne Falls.	5	6	6				5	6		70	15	6		
Orange	Orange.	16	22	21	17		1	2		1	158	23		25	
Hope	Gartner.	8	8	7	4						103	6		6	
Star	Athol Depot.	19	19	19	9			10	2		74	24	1	18	
Artisan	Winchendon.	1	2	2	1			1		1	61	7		10	
Morning Sun	Conway.	6	8	9	4	4		2		1	49	12		12	
Bay State	Montague.	16	16	14	13	1		1			44	11		12	
Athol	Athol.	12	18	18	3						64	25		12	
		105	124	125	61	5	1	45	17	7	978	168	13	115	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

BOWDOIN S. PARKER, District Deputy Grand Master.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.										
		No. Passed.	No. Initiated.	No. of Receptions for Deacons.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	From Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-initiated.
Williams	Williamstown.	6	6	6	5	2	2	1	1	38	7	
Lafayette	North Adams.	2	3	6	3		2	2	2	145	9	
Greylock	North Adams.	12	8	8	3		2	1	1	63	11	11
Berkshire	South Adams.	12	11	5	2	3		2	2	60	5	
Upton	Cheshire.	3	5	3	4		1			37	3	10
Mystic	Pittsfield.	10	7	6	1		3	1	1	141	7	13
Globe	Hinsdale.	4	4	5	5	3	1	1	1	47	6	4
Wisdom	West Stockbridge.	2	2	4	2		1	2	2	46	4	6
Evening Star	Lee.	4	4	5	3		2			62	6	11
Occidental	Stockbridge.	1	1	1	2		2			34	1	
Cincinnatus	Great Barrington.	9	8	7			2	1	1	97	5	
	.	65	59	56	30	8	14	11	11	770	64	54
	.											9

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

DANIEL UPTON, District Deputy Grand Master.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Jerusalem	Northampton.	5	7	5	3			3		1	227	9	1	5	1
Hampden	Springfield.	47	47	48	10			3		5	437	49	14	36	1
Chicopee	Chicopee.	7	6	6	4				2		181	6	2	7	
Mount Tom	Holyoke.	12	10	11	15	1		3	8	3	191	12	2	10	1
Mount Moriah	Westfield.	14	13	18	8			6		3	208	19	4	10	
Roswell Lee	Springfield.	44	50	50	10	24		2		3	250	48	8	43	
Huntington	Huntington.	10	8	6				2			85	12		1	1
Ionic	Easthampton.	11	12	14	9	1		3		1	117	18	1	18	
Mount Holyoke	South Hadley Falls	12	10	11	1			2		1	64	14		13	1
Belcher	Chicopee Falls.	7	7	7	4			1			65	7		7	
Hampshire	Haydenville.	2	3	3							57	5		11	
		171	173	179	64	26		25	10	17	1882	199	32	168	4

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WILLIAM J. SAWIN, District Deputy Grand Master.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HELDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Disfranchised from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Morning Star	Worcester.	11	12	13	7	8		3	8	1	313	16	1	13	1
Mount Zion	Barre.	5	5	5	2				6	3	91	5	1	1	2
Montacute	Worcester.	9	9	14	9			1		3	317	19	1	12	3
Webster	Webster.	4	4	4	6			2			116	4	2	15	1
Oxford	Oxford.	3	4	4	2	3	3	1			58	4		6	
United Brethren	Marlborough.	5	5	5	2			2		1	115	5			1
Doric	Hudson.	10	10	10	10			2		2	144	11		15	1
Athelstan	Worcester.	21	18	18	5			2		1	200	21		6	1
Saint Bernard	Southborough.	3	3	2							43	4		2	
Quinsigamond	Worcester.	5	5	4	1					1	31	6		6	1
Spencer	Spencer.	1	3	5	4						34	5		8	1
		77	78	84	48	11	3	11	14	10	1460	100	5	83	9

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

JOSEPH B. KNOX, District Deputy Grand Master.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Middlesex	Framingham.	9	11	9	4			3	4		89	12		9	
Montgomery	Millford.	10	12	8	10			1	17		196	8	2	12	
Olive Branch	Millbury.	3	4	4	1			2	1	1	115	6	1	3	
Solomon's Temple	Uxbridge.	8	11	11	6			1	1	1	142	12		13	2
Franklin	Grafton.	3	2	2	2			1	1		83	3			1
Blackstone River.	Blackstone.	6	8	6	1			2	2	2	109	6		9	1
John Warren	Hopkinton.	5	5	2	3			2	3	1	80	2		6	
North Star	Ashland.	6	8	10	3			1			89	9		7	
Mount Hollis	Holliston.	3	3	3	3						86	3		2	
Excelsior	Franklin.	8	8	8	5			2	6	1	73	13	1	10	1
Sileam	Westborough.	5	4	5							78	5		6	
Charles River	West Medway.	6	7	7							44	7			2
		72	83	75	35			15	32	6	1184	86	4	77	7

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Attest:

GEORGE E. STACY, District Deputy Grand Master.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Bristol	No. Attleborough,	3	7	7	3	1		1		1	132	7		10	
King David	Taunton.	20	22	18	6			2		3	275	22	2	14	
Rising Star	Stoughton.	7	7	5	2			8		3	94	5		6	
Saint Albans	Foxborough.	4	4	4		11				2	136	4			
Orient	Norwood.	5	6	7	1			2		1	105	7		6	
Blue Hill	Canton.	6	6	6	1	1					65	9		6	
Saint James	Mansfield.	4	4	4	4			2			98	4		6	
Alfred Baylies	Taunton.	8	8	10	4						115	10		10	
Hyde Park	Hyde Park.	7	7	7	5	1		1		2	111	11		7	
Ionic	Taunton.	4	4	3				1			112	3			
Paul Dean	North Easton.	6	8	7	4			3			81	9			
Ezekiel Bates	Attleborough.	8	10	10	6	1		2		1	86	15		6	
Constellation	Dedham.	8	7	7	2			1		2	92	7		8	
Charles H. Titus	Taunton.	9	9	6	1						45	9			
		99	109	101	35	15		25		15	1547	122	2	77	

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Attest:

GEORGE L. RHOADS, District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomats.	No. Past Masters' Diplomats.
Union	Nantucket.	1	1	1	2			2	5	1	102	1	1	1	1
Marine	Falmouth.	23	1	24	17			3		2	39	26	13	25	1
Star in the East	New Bedford.	17	25	13	38			16		3	286	16	1	10	1
Mount Hope	Fall River.	8	15	13	3			9	9	4	258	16	1	15	
Eureka	New Bedford.	1	1	1	1			1	2	1	57	3	2		
Martha's Vineyard	Tisbury.	5	6	6	1			3		2	68	6	1	6	1
Pythagorean	Marion.	9	10	11	1			1		1	118	12		8	1
Mayflower	Middleborough.	7	5	5	4			6		1	101	5		1	1
Pioneer	Somerset.	19	16	19	8						171	21	1	21	1
King Philip	Fall River.	3	1	1				5			52	3			
Oriental	Edgartown.	4	6	3	3						35	4		10	
Concordia	Fairhaven.														
		97	100	97	84			47	16	18	1484	109	19	95	6

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Attest:

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., District Deputy Grand Master.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Refections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Masters Diplomas.
Fraternal	Hyannis.	8	6	5				1		4	146	3			
James Otis	Barnstable.	3	3	3				3		3	73	5		6	
Mariners	Cotuit.	1	1	2				1			47	2			
Saint Martin's	Chatham.	5	5	5	3						40	4		13	
Howard	South Yarmouth.	8	8	6							36	6			
Mount Horeb	West Harwich.	4	4	4	3	15		5		2	143	4			
Social Harmony	Wareham.	4	4	2	2			2		1	71	2			
Pilgrim	Harwich.	13	11	9	2			6		1	131	15		7	
Adams	Wellfleet.	7	8	9	1						109	4		14	
King Hiram	Provincetown.	9	9	11	1	5		1		3	181	13			
De Witt Clinton	Sandwich.	4	4	3							51	5		1	
		66	63	59	12	20		19		14	1028	63		40	

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Attest:

JOHN W. ATWOOD, District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Old Colony	Hingham.	1	1	1	4			1	1		104	5		1	
Fellowship	Bridgewater.	12	11	11	2			1		1	172	14		7	
Corner Stone	Duxbury.	10	9	7	1			1	3	1	80	5		7	
Rural	Quincy.	3	4	5	7			3		2	154	13		7	
Norfolk Union	Randolph.	3	1	5	1			6			73	2		3	
Orphan's Hope	Weymouth.	8	11	13	1	2		2		1	173	12		6	
Plymouth	Plymouth.	6	4	4	3	1					142	11		12	
Paul Revere	Brockton.	20	23	19	14	1				2	216	26		15	
John Cutler	Abington.	1	1	12	12			17		2	132	7		7	
Konohasset	Cohasset.	8	6	6	5			5		2	89	5		5	
Delta	Weymouth.	11	12	11	2			4			96	9		11	
Puritan	South Abington.	7	7	7	1						87	8		1	
Phoenix	Hanover.	3	3	3							43	5		12	
		93	93	92	53	4		40	4	9	1562	122		87	

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Attest:

EDWARD AVERY, District Deputy Grand Master.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodges Diplomas.	No. Past Masters Diplomas.
Good Samaritan . . .	Reading.	9	9	13				2	2	2	71	13		13	
Wyoming . . .	Melrose.	7	7	7	4			14	2	2	205	6		9	
Mount Vernon . . .	Malden.	3	3	3	2			7	1	3	164	7		5	
Mount Horeb . . .	Woburn.	7	6	6	2			1	5	2	133	13		6	
Mount Hermon . . .	Medford.	5	6	6	1			1	3	1	140	8		6	
Simon W. Robinson . .	Lexington.	9	9	9	1			1			45	15			
Charity . . .	North Cambridge.	7	6	4	1			1			56	7		9	1
Hiram . . .	Arlington.	9	10	10	2			5	3	3	157	9		10	
Putnam . . .	East Cambridge.	5	8	8						2	126	7		8	1
William Parkman . .	Winchester.	7	5	5				1			83	10		5	
		68	69	71	13			33	14	13	1180	95		71	2

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Attest:

SMITH B. HARRINGTON, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Newton	Wilbraham.	13	13	14	10			2	1	2	72	16		6	1
Quinebaug	Southbridge.	3	5	5	3			2	1	134	7	7		25	1
Eden	Ware.	4	3	7	5			4	1	78	8	8		6	1
Hayden	Brookfield.	3	6	3	1			1		94	6	6			1
Day Spring	Monson.	7	6	6	3			1		61	6	6			1
Vernon	Belchertown.	11	10	8	3			4		3	50	9	2	40	1
Thomas	Palmer.	12	14	14	3				4	3	94	21	4	4	1
Bethel	Enfield.	2	2	2	1			2		3	64	2		6	1
Quaboag	Warren.	3	2	4	2			3			95	6			1
		58	61	63	30			18	6	14	742	81	6	87	8

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Attest:

JOHN WETTERBEE, District Deputy Grand Master.

CHILLI MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Bailed.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Bethesda	Valparaiso.	11	9	15	8			1		3	117	15		14	
Aconcagua	Valparaiso.	7	9	5	3	1		2			38	6		7	
		18	18	20	11	1		3		3	155	21		21	

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Attest:

H. PLUNKET BOURCHIER, District Deputy Grand Master.

CHINA MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HELDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomats.	No. Past Masters' Diplomats.
Ancient Landmark . .	Shanghai.	5	5	4	3			14		3	50	16		5	
		5	5	4	3			14		3	50	16		5	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodge.

Attest:

ITHAMAR B. EAMES, District Deputy Grand Master.

RECAPITULATION.

FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES COMPOSING THE SEVERAL MASONIC DISTRICTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, A. L. 5874.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Limited.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
District No. 1 . . .	105	103	111	13	1	1	39	14	33	2,253	124	4	101	5
" " 2 . . .	93	94	89	22			27	13	13	1,480	89	3	80	4
" " 3 . . .	161	146	151	41	20		16		23	1,843	178		148	3
" " 4 . . .	99	93	90	51	6	1	24	2	14	1,210	118	7	74	
" " 5 . . .	86	89	88	27	36		26	2	9	1,659	99	9	74	
" " 6 . . .	94	91	96	42			26	34	21	1,579	119	16	43	8
" " 7 . . .	116	111	109	50	13		17		14	1,463	149	21	96	
" " 8 . . .	105	124	125	61	5	1	45	17	7	978	168	13	115	
" " 9 . . .	65	59	56	30	8		14		11	770	64		54	9
" " 10 . . .	171	173	179	64	26		25	10	17	1,882	199	32	168	4
" " 11 . . .	77	78	84	48	11	3	11	14	10	1,460	100	5	82	9
" " 12 . . .	72	83	75	35			15	32	6	1,181	86	4	77	7
" " 13 . . .	99	109	101	35	15		25		15	1,547	122	2	77	
" " 14 . . .	97	100	97	84			47	16	18	1,484	109	10	95	6
" " 15 . . .	66	63	59	12	20		19		14	1,028	63		40	
" " 16 . . .	93	93	92	53	4		40	4	9	1,562	122		87	
" " 17 . . .	68	69	71	13			33	14	13	1,180	95		71	2
" " 18 . . .	58	61	63	30			18	6	14	742	81	6	87	8
Chili . . .	18	18	20	11	1		3		3	155	21		21	
China . . .	5	5	4	3			14		3	50	16		5	
Total . . .	1,748	1,762	1,760	722	166	6	484	178	267	25,409	2,122	141	1,595	65



TABLES OF MASONIC DISTRICTS,

FOR 1875,

GIVING THE NAME OF EACH LODGE, DATE OF CHARTER, LOCATION,
AND THE MONTH OF ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 1875.

DISTRICT No. I. — BOSTON.

R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN, BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S	1733 . .	Boston	November
SAINT ANDREW'S . . .	1756 . .	Boston	November
MASSACHUSETTS . . .	1770 . .	Boston	December
COLUMBIAN	1796 . .	Boston	December
MOUNT LEBANON . . .	1801 . .	Boston	December
GERMANIA	1855 . .	Boston	November
WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	1856 . .	Boston	November
REVERE	1857 . .	Boston	December
JOSEPH WARREN . . .	1857 . .	Boston	December
ABERDOUR	1861 . .	Boston	November
ELEUSIS	1865 . .	Boston	December
ZETLAND	1868 . .	Boston	December

DISTRICT No. II. — CHARLESTOWN.

R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS, CHARLESTOWN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
KING SOLOMON'S . . .	1783 . .	Charlestown . .	October
AMICABLE	1805 . .	Cambridgeport .	December
STAR OF BETHLEHEM .	1845 . .	Chelsea	November
JOHN ABBOT	1858 . .	Somerville . . .	September
HENRY PRICE	1859 . .	Charlestown . .	October
MOUNT OLIVET	1864 . .	Cambridge . . .	December
WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	1867 . .	Saugus	December
ROBERT LASH	1867 . .	Chelsea	November
FAITH	1869 . .	Charlestown . .	December
PALESTINE	1869 . .	Everett	December

DISTRICT No. III. — BOSTON HIGHLANDS.

R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH, BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
WASHINGTON	1796	Boston Highlands	November
UNION	1796	Dorchester	December
MOUNT TABOR	1816	East Boston	November
SAINT PAUL'S	1847	South Boston	December
BAALBEC	1853	East Boston	March
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	1856	South Boston	November
HAMMATT	1860	East Boston	December
LAFAYETTE	1866	Boston Highlands	June
ADELPHI	1866	South Boston	November
ELIOT	1867	West Roxbury	May
RABBONI	1870	South Boston	December
TEMPLE	1871	East Boston	December

DISTRICT No. IV. — CAMBRIDGE.

R.W. GEORGE F. HOMER, BROOKLINE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
CORINTHIAN	1797	Concord	October
MERIDIAN	1797	Natick	October
BETHESDA	1819	Brighton	December
MONITOR	1820	Waltham	November
PEQUOSSETTE	1857	Watertown	June
DALHOUSIE	1861	Newtonville	June
BELMONT	1865	Belmont	March
ISAAC PARKER	1868	Waltham	December
MIZPAH	1868	Cambridgeport	December
BETH-HORON	1871	Brookline	December
CHARLES A. WELCH	1873	Maynard	March

DISTRICT No. V.—SALEM.

R.W. GEORGE F. BREED, LYNN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
PHILANTHROPIC	1760	Marblehead	December
TYRIAN	1770	Gloucester	November
ESSEX	1791	Salem	December
MOUNT CARMEL	1805	Lynn	December
JORDAN	1808	Peabody	November
LIBERTY	1824	Beverly	December
ASHLER	1852	Rockport	December
AMITY	1864	Danvers	November
STARR KING	1865	Salem	November
JOHN T. HEARD	1865	Ipswich	December
GOLDEN FLEECE	1865	Lynn	December
ACACIA	1866	Gloucester	June
MOAIC	1871	Danvers	December

DISTRICT No. VI.—NEWBURYPORT.

R.W. WARREN CURRIER, NEWBURYPORT, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S	1766	Newburyport	March
MERRIMACK	1802	Haverhill	November
SAINT MARK'S	1803	Newburyport	September
WARREN	1822	Amesbury	September
SAINT MATTHEW'S	1822	Andover	December
GRECIAN	1825	Lawrence	September
JOHN HANCOCK	1861	Methuen	September
TUSCAN	1863	Lawrence	September
SAGGAHEW	1865	Haverhill	December
CHARLES C. DAME	1867	Georgetown	January
BETHANY	1869	West Amesbury	September
PHOENICIAN	1871	Lawrence	September
COCHICHEWICK (U. D.)	—	North Andover	—

DISTRICT No. VII. — LOWELL.

R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS, LOWELL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT PAUL	1797 . .	Ayer	October
AURORA	1801 . .	Fitchburg	September
PENTUCKET	1807 . .	Lowell	October
ANCIENT YORK	1853 . .	Lowell	October
TRINITY	1859 . .	Clinton	September
CALEB BUTLER	1860 . .	Ayer	October
CHARLES W. MOORE . .	1866 . .	Fitchburg	September
KILWINNING	1867 . .	Lowell	November
WILLIAM NORTH	1868 . .	Lowell	October

DISTRICT No. VIII. — GREENFIELD.

R.W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER, GREENFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
REPUBLICAN	1795 . .	Greenfield	November
HARMONY	1796 . .	Northfield	November
PACIFIC	1801 . .	Amherst	November
MOUNTAIN	1806 . .	Shelburne Falls . .	November
ORANGE	1860 . .	Orange	November
HOPE	1865 . .	Gardner	October
STAR	1865 . .	Athol	November
ARTISAN	1866 . .	Winchendon	September
MORNING SUN	1870 . .	Conway	November
BAY STATE	1873 . .	Montague	October
ATHOL	1873 . .	Athol	November

DISTRICT No. IX. — PITTSFIELD.

R.W. JOHN R. DAVISON, HINSDALE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
EVENING STAR	1795 . .	Lee	September
CINCINNATUS	1796 . .	Great Barrington .	December
WISDOM	1803 . .	West Stockbridge	December
MYSTIC	1810 . .	Pittsfield	November
LAFAYETTE	1849 . .	North Adams . .	December
BERKSHIRE	1858 . .	South Adams . .	November
GLOBE	1870 . .	Hinsdale	November
UPTON	1870 . .	Cheshire	November
OCCIDENTAL	1871 . .	Stockbridge . . .	December
WILLIAMS	1872 . .	Williamstown . .	December
GREYLOCK	1872 . .	North Adams . .	November
CRESCENT	1874 . .	Pittsfield	September

DISTRICT No. X. — SPRINGFIELD.

R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN, SPRINGFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
JERUSALEM	1797 . .	Northampton . .	November
HAMPDEN	1817 . .	Springfield . . .	November
CHICOPEE	1849 . .	Chicopee	November
MOUNT TOM	1850 . .	Holyoke	November
MOUNT MORIAH	1856 . .	Westfield	September
ROSWELL LEE	1865 . .	Springfield . . .	November
HUNTINGTON	1867 . .	Huntington	December
IONIC	1868 . .	Easthampton . . .	November
MOUNT HOLYOKE	1870 . .	South Hadley Falls	November
ELCHER	1871 . .	Chicopee	October
LAMPSHIRE	1872 . .	Haydenville . . .	November

DISTRICT No. XI. — WORCESTER.

R.W. WILLIAM A. SMITH, WORCESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MORNING STAR	1793	Worcester	November
MOUNT ZION	1800	Barre	September
MONTACUTE	1859	Worcester	November
WEBSTER	1859	Webster	September
WILDER	1860	Leominster	September
OXFORD	1860	Oxford	September
UNITED BRETHREN	1860	Marlboro'	November
DORIC	1864	Hudson	September
ATHELSTAN	1866	Worcester	November
SAINT BERNARD	1868	Southboro'	September
QUINSIGAMOND	1871	Worcester	October
SPENCER	1872	Spencer	October

DISTRICT No. XII. — MILFORD.

R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES, MILLBURY, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MIDDLESEX	1795	Framingham	November
MONTGOMERY	1797	Milford	October
OLIVE BRANCH	1797	Millbury	October
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE	1818	Uxbridge	November
FRANKLIN	1852	Grafton	November
BLACKSTONE RIVER	1856	Blackstone	November
JOHN WARREN	1861	Hopkinton	October
NORTH STAR	1865	Ashland	November
MOUNT HOLLIS	1865	Holliston	December
EXCELSIOR	1867	Franklin	January
SILOAM	1867	Westboro'	November
CHARLES RIVER	1871	West Medway	October

DISTRICT No. XIII. — TAUNTON.

R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS, NORWOOD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
BRISTOL	1797 . .	Attleboro' . . .	December
KING DAVID	1798 . .	Taunton	November
RISING STAR	1799 . .	Stoughton	November
SAINT ALBAN'S	1818 . .	Foxboro'	July
ORIENT	1862 . .	Norwood	January
BLUE HILL	1864 . .	Canton	November
SAINT JAMES	1865 . .	Mansfield	March
ALFRED BAYLIES	1866 . .	Taunton	October
HYDE PARK	1866 . .	Hyde Park	December
IONIC	1867 . .	Taunton	November
PAUL DEAN	1868 . .	North Easton . . .	November
EZEKIEL BATES	1871 . .	Attleboro'	December
CONSTELLATION	1872 . .	Dedham	March
CHARLES H. TITUS	1873 . .	Taunton	October
NORFOLK (U. D.)	— . .	Needham	—

DISTRICT No. XIV. — NEW BEDFORD.

R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., NEW BEDFORD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
UNION	1771 . .	Nantucket	December
MARINE	1798 . .	Falmouth	December
STAR IN THE EAST	1823 . .	New Bedford . . .	December
MOUNT HOPE	1824 . .	Fall River	November
EUREKA	1858 . .	New Bedford . . .	December
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	1860 . .	Tisbury	December
PYTHAGOREAN	1863 . .	Marion	December
PIONEER	1864 . .	Somerset	November
MAY FLOWER	1865 . .	Middleboro'	December
KING PHILIP	1866 . .	Fall River	November
ORIENTAL	1867 . .	Edgartown	December
CONCORDIA	1873 . .	Fairhaven	December

DISTRICT No. XV. — BARNSTABLE.

R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD, PROVINCETOWN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election
KING HIRAM	1796	Provincetown	November
FRATERNAL	1801	Hyannis	January
SOCIAL HARMONY	1823	Wareham	December
MOUNT HOREB	1855	West Harwich	December
DE WITT CLINTON	1856	Sandwich	December
PILGRIM	1860	South Harwich	December
JAMES OTIS	1866	Barnstable	October
ADAMS	1866	Wellfleet	January
HOWARD	1870	South Yarmouth	January
MARINERS	1871	Cotuit	January
SAINT MARTIN'S	1873	Chatham	December

DISTRICT No. XVI. — PLYMOUTH.

R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN, BRIDGEWATER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election
OLD COLONY	1792	Hingham	December
FELLOWSHIP	1797	Bridgewater	September
RURAL	1801	Quincy	November
CORNER STONE	1801	Duxbury	November
NORFOLK UNION	1819	Randolph	November
ORPHAN'S HOPE	1825	East Weymouth	May
PLYMOUTH	1825	Plymouth	November
PAUL REVERE	1857	North Bridgewater	December
JOHN CUTLER	1860	Abington	September
KONOHASSETT	1865	Cohasset	January
DELTA	1869	Weymouth	October
PURITAN	1870	South Abington	September
PHŒNIX	1874	Hanover	December

DISTRICT No. XVII. — WOBURN.

R. W. THEODORE N. FOQUE, MALDEN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
HIRAM	1797 . .	Arlington . . .	November
PUTNAM	1855 . .	East Cambridge .	December
MOUNT HERMON	1855 . .	Medford	December
MOUNT HOREB	1856 . .	Woburn	December
WYOMING	1857 . .	Melrose	September
MOUNT VERNON	1858 . .	Malden	November
WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	1865 . .	Winchester . . .	December
CHARITY	1870 . .	North Cambridge .	December
GOOD SAMARITAN . . .	1871 . .	Reading	September
SIMON W. ROBINSON . .	1871 . .	Lexington	November

DISTRICT No. XVIII. — PALMER.

R. W. JOHN WETHERBEE, WARREN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
THOMAS	1796 . .	Palmer	November
BETHEL	1825 . .	Enfield	November
QUABOAG	1859 . .	Warren	November
QUINEBAUG	1860 . .	Southbridge . . .	September
DAY SPRING	1863 . .	Monson	December
HAYDEN	1864 . .	Brookfield	November
EDEN	1864 . .	Ware	November
VERNON	1870 . .	Belchertown . . .	December
NEWTON	1871 . .	Wilbraham	November
ANCHOR	1874 . .	Wales	December

CHILI DISTRICT.

R. W. H. PLUNKET BOURCHIER, VALPARAISO, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election
BETHESDA	1854 . .	Valparaiso	August
ACONCAGUA	1871 . .	Valparaiso	August

CHINA DISTRICT.

R. W. ITHAMAR B. EAMES, SHANGHAI, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election
ANCIENT LANDMARK	1854 . .	Shanghai	October

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

LODGES, THEIR LOCATIONS AND SECRETARIES,

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
ABERDOUR	Boston	Melville E. Webb.
ACACIA	Gloucester	Frederick L. Stacy.
ACONCAGUA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	Robert Hammersley.
ADAMS	Wellfleet	George T. Wyer.
ADELPHI	South Boston	John H. Locke.
ALFRED BAYLIES	Taunton	Lemuel T. Talbot.
AMICABLE	Cambridgeport	Charles Tufts.
AMITY	Danvers	T. C. Everett.
ANCHOR	Wales	Frank A. Royce.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	Shanghai, China	Thomas Scott.
ANCIENT YORK	Lowell	Duane P. Stacy.
ARTISAN	Winchendon	Lewis Howe.
ASHLER	Rockport	William G. Davis, Jr.
ATHELSTAN	Worcester	William S. Dadmun.
ATHOL	Athol	Frederick F. Twitchell.
AURORA	Fitchburg	Boardman Parkhurst.
BAALBEC	East Boston	Daniel W. Palmer.
BAY STATE	Montague	Charles P. Wright.
BELCHER	Chicopee Falls	Arthur B. West.
BELMONT	Belmont	Gustavus C. Holt.
BERKSHIRE	South Adams	James C. Chalmers.
BETHANY	West Amesbury	Nelson S. Hoyt.
BETHEL	Enfield	Robert D. Bussey.
BETHESDA	Brighton	John T. Needham.
BETHESDA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	William Boundy.

BETH-HORON . . .	Brookline . . .	Francis H. Bacon.
BLACKSTONE RIVER .	Blackstone . . .	John S. Needham.
BLUE HILL . . .	Canton . . .	Andrew Lopez.
BRISTOL . . .	Attleboro' . . .	George C. Bugbee.
CALEB BUTLER . . .	Ayer . . .	John E. Parsons.
CHARITY . . .	North Cambridge .	Thomas T. Ferguson.
CHARLES A. WELCH	Maynard . . .	William H. Maynard.
CHARLES C. DAME .	Georgetown . . .	Robert A. Coker.
CHARLES H. TITUS .	Taunton . . .	Abiathur Doane, Jr.
CHARLES* RIVER . .	West Medway . . .	Henry C. Austin.
CHARLES W. MOORE	Fitchburg . . .	Joseph L. Stratton.
CHICOPEE . . .	Chicopee . . .	Brainard F. McLean.
CININNATUS . . .	Great Barrington .	Marcus H. Rogers.
COLUMBIAN . . .	Boston . . .	William Martin.
CONCORDIA . . .	Fairhaven . . .	Seth H. Keith.
CONSTELLATION . .	Dedham . . .	Edwin A. Brooks.
CORINTHIAN . . .	Concord . . .	D. Goodwin Lang.
CORNER STONE . . .	Duxbury . . .	John S. Loring.
CRESCENT . . .	Pittsfield . . .	Theodore L. Allen.
DALHOUSE . . .	Newtonville . . .	Horatio F. Allen.
DAY SPRING . . .	Monson . . .	Henry E. Bugbee.
DELTA . . .	Weymouth . . .	Charles G. Thompson.
DE WITT CLINTON	Sandwich . . .	John Q. Miller.
DORIC . . .	Hudson . . .	Edward A. Holyoke.
EDEN . . .	Ware . . .	Edward C. Merriam.
ELEUSIS . . .	Boston . . .	George F. Child.
ELIOT . . .	Jamaica Plain . . .	Charles H. Smith.
ESSEX . . .	Salem . . .	Joseph Swasey.
EUREKA . . .	New Bedford . . .	George W. Parker.
EVENING STAR . .	Lee . . .	David P. Hamblin.
EXCELSIOR . . .	Franklin . . .	William A. Wyckoff.
EZEKIEL BATES . .	Attleboro' . . .	Edward A. Hammond.
FAITH . . .	Charlestown . . .	James W. Poor.
FELLOWSHIP . . .	Bridgewater . . .	Warren K. Churchill.
FRANKLIN . . .	Grafton . . .	William S. Wood.
FRATERNAL . . .	Hyannis . . .	Oliver C. Hoxie.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	South Boston . . .	Alban S. Green.
GERMANIA . . .	Boston . . .	Fred. C. Blocklinger.
GLOBE . . .	Hinsdale . . .	George T. Plunkett.
GOLDEN FLEECE . .	Lynn . . .	William B. Phillips.
GOOD SAMARITAN .	Reading . . .	James Reid.

PRECIAN	Lawrence	Charles H. Bean.
REYLOCK	North Adams	Daniel J. Barber.
AMMATT	East Boston	Samuel L. Fowle.
AMPDEN	Springfield	Charles Taylor.
AMPSHIRE	Haydenville	Robert Cartier.
ARMONY	Northfield	Ezra L. Holton.
AYDEN	Brookfield	David Clapp.
ENRY PRICE	Charlestown	Elijah S. Wait.
IRAM	Arlington	George W. Storer.
LOPE	Gardner	James H. Greenwood.
OWARD	South Yarmouth	Zenas P. Howes.
UNTINGTON	Huntington	Thomas Davis.
YDE PARK	Hyde Park	G. Henry Perkins.
ONIC	Taunton	George E. Manning.
ONIC	Easthampton	John J. Bassett.
SAAC PARKER	Waltham	Charles I. Eaton.
AMES OTIS	Barnstable	Oliver M. Hinckley.
ERUSALEM	Northampton	Lewis D. Parsons.
JOHN ABBOT	Somerville	George L. Baxter.
JOHN CUTLER	Abington	Erastus M. Nash.
JOHN HANCOCK	Methuen	Walter E. Stevens.
JOHN T. HEARD	Ipswich	Eberard H. Martin.
JOHN WARREN	Hopkinton	William B. Coburn.
JORDAN	Peabody	Dan'l P. Grosvenor, Jr.
JOSEPH WARREN	Boston	Ivory H. Pope.
ILWINNING	Lowell	Francis A. Nichols.
ING DAVID	Taunton	J. Alfred Messenger.
ING HIRAM	Provincetown	Reuben W. Swift.
ING PHILIP	Fall River	Edward T. Marvell.
ING SOLOMON	Charlestown	Warren E. Easton.
ONOHASSETT	Cohasset	William J. Newcomb.
AFAYETTE	Boston Highlands	John D. Willard.
AFAYETTE	North Adams	Stephen H. Fairfield.
LIBERTY	Beverly	George Meacom.
MARINE	Falmouth	Charles S. Hewins.
MARINERS	Cotuit	Andrew Lovell.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	Vineyard Haven	Daniel W. Stevens.
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	Charles O. Fox.
MAY FLOWER	Middleboro'	Benjamin F. Tripp.
MERIDIAN	Natick	Charles W. Gleason.
MERRIMACK	Haverhill	Francis J. Stevens.

MIDDLESEX	Framingham	William H. Chenery.
MIZPAH	Cambridgeport	William Page.
MONITOR	Waltham	Thomas Kirk.
MORNING STAR	Worcester	Curtis W. Gassett.
MORNING SUN	Conway	Charles H. Day.
MONTACUTE	Worcester	Jeremiah Swasey.
MONTGOMERY	Milford	Frank Dewing.
MOAIC	Danvers	Orran S. Richards.
MOUNTAIN	Shelburne Falls	Edwin Baker.
MOUNT CARMEL	Lynn	Timothy Stevens.
MOUNT HERMON	Medford	Parker R. Litchfield.
MOUNT HOLIS	Holliston	George N. Pond.
MOUNT HOLYOKE	South Hadley Falls . . .	Edmund R. Pearson.
MOUNT HOPE	Fall River	Andrew M. Speedie.
MOUNT HOREB	Woburn	Sparrow Horton.
MOUNT HOREB	West Harwich	Samuel S. Baker.
MOUNT LEBANON	Boston	Charles J. Miller.
MOUNT MORIAH	Westfield	James R. Gladwin.
MOUNT OLIVET	Cambridge	Charles L. Fuller.
MOUNT TABOR	East Boston	J. H. S. Pearson.
MOUNT TOM	Holyoke	Frank H. Chamberlin.
MOUNT VERNON	Malden	Alfred Tonks.
MOUNT ZION	Barre	J. Martin Gorham.
MYSTIC	Pittsfield	John F. VanDeusen.
NEWTON	Wilbraham	Anson E. Butler.
NORFOLK UNION	Randolph	John H. Field.
NORTH STAR	Ashland	B. Wesley Houghton.
OCCIDENTAL	Stockbridge	Edward H. Burghard.
OLD COLONY	Hingham	William H. Thomas.
OLIVE BRANCH	Millbury	Edward J. Humphrie.
ORANGE	Orange	Wales B. Eddy.
ORIENT	Norwood	Nathaniel N. Sumner.
ORIENTAL	Edgartown	Tristram R. Holley.
ORPHAN'S HOPE	East Weymouth	Thomas J. Evans.
OXFORD	Oxford	George H. Baker.
PACIFIC	Amherst	Elisha J. Wheaton.
PALESTINE	Everett	Gilmon C. Hickok.
PAUL DEAN	North Easton	Frank P. Keith.
PAUL REVERE	North Bridgewater . . .	Alfred C. Monroe.
PENTUCKET	Lowell	Eliphalet Hills.
PEQUOSSETTE	Watertown	Charles T. Perkins.

PHILANTHROPIC . . .	Marblehead . . .	Step'n P. Hathaway, Jr.
PHENICIAN . . .	Lawrence . . .	Arthur W. Dyer.
PHENIX . . .	Hanover . . .	Thomas B. Waterman.
PILGRIM . . .	Harwich . . .	Darius F. Weeks.
PIONEER . . .	Somerset . . .	Edmund A. Davis.
PLYMOUTH . . .	Plymouth . . .	Charles H. Rogers.
PURITAN . . .	South Abington . . .	Henry W. Powers.
PUTNAM . . .	East Cambridge . . .	Luther L. Parker.
PYTHAGOREAN . . .	Marion . . .	Edward G. Spooner.
QUABOAG . . .	Warren . . .	John Wetherbee.
QUINEBAUG . . .	Southbridge . . .	Harlan P. Tiffany.
QUINSIGAMOND . . .	Worcester . . .	Charles E. Phelps.
RABBONI . . .	South Boston . . .	George S. Carpenter.
REPUBLICAN . . .	Greenfield . . .	Luther C. Pratt.
REVERE . . .	Boston . . .	William W. Baker.
RISEING STAR . . .	Stoughton . . .	Leonard A. Thayer.
ROBERT LASH . . .	Chelsea . . .	Rufus S. Owen.
ROSSELL LEE . . .	Springfield . . .	G. Frank Adams.
RURAL . . .	Quincy . . .	Charles H. Porter.
SAGGAHEW . . .	Haverhill . . .	Henry Halsall.
SAINT ALBAN'S . . .	Foxboro' . . .	William W. Turner.
SAINT ANDREW'S . . .	Boston . . .	William F. Davis.
SAINT BERNARD . . .	Southboro' . . .	Henry C. Williams.
SAINT JAMES . . .	Mansfield . . .	Ferdinand W. Talbot.
SAINT JOHN'S . . .	Boston . . .	James W. Allen.
SAINT JOHN'S . . .	Newburyport . . .	Samuel Brookings, Jr.
SAINT MARK'S . . .	Newburyport . . .	Edward F. Bartlett.
SAINT MARTIN'S . . .	Chatham . . .	Rufus K. Nickerson.
SAINT MATTHEW'S . . .	Andover . . .	Joseph A. Smart.
SAINT PAUL . . .	Ayer . . .	E. Dana Bancroft.
SAINT PAUL'S . . .	South Boston . . .	Horace Smith.
SILOAM . . .	Westboro' . . .	George J. Jackson.
SIMON W. ROBINSON . . .	Lexington . . .	Henry M. Reed.
SOCIAL HARMONY . . .	Wareham . . .	Charles H. Dunham.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE . . .	Uxbridge . . .	Henry S. Morse.
SPENCER . . .	Spencer . . .	James H. Ames.
STAR . . .	Athol . . .	Nathaniel Richardson.
STAR IN THE EAST . . .	New Bedford . . .	James C. Hitch.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM . . .	Chelsea . . .	Lyman M. Miller.
STARR KING . . .	Salem . . .	Wm. H. Simonds, Jr.
TEMPLE . . .	East Boston . . .	Horace B. Butler.

THOMAS	Palmer	Cyrus W. Cross.
TRINITY	Clinton	Henry N. Otterson.
TUSCAN	Lawrence	George H. Allison.
TYRIAN	Gloucester	Addison Center.
UNION.	Nantucket	Charles P. Swain.
UNION.	Dorchester	Robert T. Swan.
UNITED BRETHREN .	Marlboro'	Benjamin F. Underhill.
UPTON	Cheshire	John R. Cole.
VERNON	Belchertown	Edwin R. Bridgman.
WARREN.	Amesbury	David L. Davoll.
WASHINGTON . . .	Boston Highlands .	George F. Davis.
WEBSTER	Webster	Daniel W. Crosby.
WILDER	Leominster	George F. Morse.
WILLIAM NORTH . .	Lowell	G. Winfield Knowlton.
WILLIAM PARKMAN .	Winchester	Leone S. Quimby.
WILLIAM SUTTON . .	Saugus	Benjamin F. Calley.
WILLIAMS	Williamstown	Elmer D. Severance.
WINSLOW LEWIS . .	Boston	Alonzo P. Jones.
WISDOM	West Stockbridge . .	William J. Ray.
WYOMING	Melrose	George C. Stantial.
ZETLAND	Boston	Hammond Vinton.

PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE, MARCH 6, 1777.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

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| *Joseph Webb, 1777—81, 1784—86. | *Elijah Crane, 1832. |
| *John Warren, 1782, 83, 1787. | *Joshua B. Flint, 1834—36. |
| *Moses M. Hays, 1788—91. | *Rev. Paul Dean, 1837—39. |
| *John Cutler, 1792, 93. | *Caleb Butler, 1840, 41. |
| *Paul Revere, 1794—96. | *Augustus Peabody, 1842—44. |
| *Josiah Bartlett, 1797, 98, 1809. | *Simon W. Robinson, 1845—47. |
| *Samuel Dunn, 1799—1801. | *Edward A. Raymond, 1848—50. |
| *Isaiah Thomas, 1802—1804, 1808. | *Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1851-53. |
| *Timothy Bigelow, 1805-7, 1810-12. | Winslow Lewis, 1854, 55, 1859. |
| *Benjamin Russell, 1813—15. | John T. Heard, 1856—58. |
| *Francis J. Oliver, 1816—18. | William D. Coolidge, 1860, 61. |
| *Samuel P. P. Fay, 1819. | William Parkman, 1862—64. |
| *John Dixwell, 1820—22. | Charles C. Dame, 1865—67. |
| *John Abbott, 1823—25, 1833. | William Sewall Gardner, 1868-70. |
| *John Soley, 1826—28. | Sereno D. Nickerson, 1871—73. |
| *Joseph Jenkins, 1829—31. | *Charles W. Moore, 1873. ¶ |

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| *Moses Desbon, 1777, 78. | *William Scollay, 1794, 95. |
| *Samuel Barrett, 1779—81. | *Samuel Dunn, 1796—98. |
| *Paul Revere, 1782—84, 1790, 91. | *Joseph Laughton, 1799—1801. |
| *John Lowell, 1785—87, 1792. | *Simon Elliot, 1802—7. |
| *Perez Morton, 1788, 89. | *John Boyle, 1808, 9. |
| *Josiah Bartlett, 1793. | *Samuel Bradford, 1810. |

¶ Elected Honorary Past Grand Master, Dec. 10, 1873.

*Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1811.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1812—15.
 *John Dixwell, 1816, 17.
 *Samuel P. P. Fay, 1818.
 *Rev. Asa Eaton, 1819.
 *John Abbott, 1820—22.
 *Caleb Butler, 1823—25.
 *John Bartlett, 1826—28.
 *Elijah Morse, 1829.
 *William Hilliard, 1830.
 *David Wilder, 1831.
 Abraham A. Dame, 1832, 33.
 *Rev. Paul Dean, 1834—36.
 George G. Smith, 1837—39.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1840—42.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1843.

Rev. E. M. P. Wells, 1844.
 Winslow Lewis, 1845—47.
 *Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1848—50.
 Rev. Lucius R. Paige, 1851—53.
 Abraham T. Lowe, 1854, 55.
 *Rev. William Flint, 1856—58.
 Charles R. Train, 1858.
 J. V. C. Smith, 1859.
 G. Washington Warren, 1860.
 Marshall P. Wilder, 1861.
 Charles C. Dame, 1862—64.
 Sereno D. Nickerson, 1865.
 *Newell A. Thompson, 1866.
 *Charles W. Moore, 1867.
 Charles Levi Woodbury, 1868—70.
 Percival L. Everett, 1871—73.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Samuel Barrett, 1777, 78.
 *Paul Revere, 1779—82.
 *Perez Morton, 1783, 84.
 *John Juteau, 1785, 1789.
 *Josiah Bartlett, 1786, 1788, 1791, 92.
 *Timothy Whiting, 1787.
 *Thomas Edwards, 1790.
 *Mungo Mackay, 1793.
 *Isaiah Thomas, 1794—96.
 *Joseph Laughton, 1797, 98.
 *John Boyle, 1799, 1801.
 *Isaac Hurd, 1802.
 *Timothy Bigelow, 1803, 1804.
 *John Soley, 1805—1806.
 *Shubael Bell, 1807.
 *Henry Fowle, 1808.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1809—11.
 *Benjamin Russell, 1812.
 *John Abbot, 1813.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1814, 15.
 *Augustus Peabody, 1816.
 *Caleb Butler, 1817, 18.

*Andrew Sigourney, 1819.
 *Thomas Cole, 1820, 21.
 *Elijah Crane, 1822.
 *Samuel Thaxter, 1823—25.
 *John Keys, 1826, 27.
 *Seth Sprague, Jr., 1828.
 Abraham A. Dame, 1829—31.
 *William J. Whipple, 1832.
 *Elias Haskell, 1833—35.
 *Benjamin B. Appleton, 1836.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1837—39.
 *Thomas Tolman, 1840—42.
 *Robert Lash, 1843.
 *Robert Keith, 1844.
 *Edward A. Raymond, 1845—47.
 *John J. Loring, 1848.
 *Thomas M. Vinson, 1849, 50.
 *William Ferson, 1851.
 Daniel Harwood, 1852.
 *Richard S. Spofford, 1853.
 William C. Plunkett, 1854.
 John T. Heard, 1855.

Bradford L. Wales, 1856.
 Henry Goddard, 1857.
 Lorenzo H. Gamwell, 1858.
 Joel Spalding, 1859.
 *William North, 1860.
 Henry Chickering, 1861.
 *†William C. Martin, 1862.
 William W. Baker, 1862.
 William S. Gardner, 1863.

Wendell T. Davis, 1864.
 William Sutton, 1865.
 Samuel P. Oliver, 1866.
 William F. Salmon, 1867.
 Ithamar F. Conkey, 1868.
 Samuel C. Lawrence, 1869.
 David W. Crafts, 1870.
 Charles Kimball, 1871.
 Henry Endicott, 1872.

William T. Grammer, 1873.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Paul Revere, 1777, '78.
 *Thomas Crafts, 1779.
 *James Jackson, 1780.
 *Edward Proctor, 1781.
 *James Carter, 1782.
 *John Juteau, 1783, 84.
 *Moses M. Hays, 1785.
 *Thomas Edwards, 1786, 87.
 *Elisha Porter, 1788.
 *Aaron Dexter, 1789—91.
 *Mungo Mackay, 1792.
 *Samuel Parkman, 1793.
 *Richard Salter, 1794.
 *Joseph Loughton, 1795, 96.
 *William Little, 1797.
 *John Boyle, 1798.
 *Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1799.
 *Isaac Hurd, 1800, 1801.
 *Timothy Bigelow, 1802.
 *John Soley, 1803, 1804.
 *Shubael Bell, 1805, 1806.
 *Henry Fowle, 1807.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1808.
 *Oliver Prescott, 1809.
 *Benjamin Russell, 1810, 11.
 *John Abbot, 1812.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1813.
 *Joseph Baker, 1814, 15.

*Ralph H. French, 1816.
 *James C. King, 1817.
 *Joseph Jenkins, 1818.
 *Thomas Cole, 1819.
 *Elijah Crane, 1820, 21.
 *Samuel Thaxter, 1822.
 *John Keys, 1823, 25.
 *John Mills, 1826.
 *Henry Purkitt, 1827.
 Abraham A. Dame, 1828.
 *William J. Whipple, 1829—31.
 *James A. Dickson, 1832.
 *Benjamin B. Appleton, 1833—35.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1836.
 *C. Gayton Pickman, 1837—39.
 *Winslow Lewis, 1840—42.
 *Thomas Power, 1843.
 *John Hews, 1844.
 *John R. Bradford, 1845—47.
 *Thomas M. Vinson, 1848.
 *†Asa T. Newhall, 1848—50.
 *William Eaton, 1851.
 *John Flint, 1851.
 *Rev. Benjamin Huntton, 1852.
 Jonas A. Marshall, 1853.
 Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1854.
 Charles R. Train, 1855.
 *John H. Shepard, 1856.

*Isaac Hull Wright, 1857.
 *Charles Robbins, 1858.
 William D. Coolidge, 1859.
 *Jesse P. Pattee, 1860.
 Peter C. Jones, 1861.
 Daniel Reynolds, 1862.
 Benjamin Dean, 1863.

1864. ¶

Wyzeman Marshall, 1865.

Henry Mulliken, 1866.
 George H. Taber, 1867.
 Ivory H. Pope, 1868.
 Richard Briggs, 1869.
 Elijah W. Burr, 1870.
 Tracy P. Cheever, 1871.
 Joseph K. Baker, 1872.
 Charles G. Reed, 1873.

RECORDING GRAND SECRETARIES.

SINCE THE INDEPENDENCE IN 1777 (not permanent members *ex-officio*).

*Nathaniel Pierce, 1777.
 *William Hoskins, 1778—80.
 *Benjamin Coolidge, 1781—84.
 *John Welch, Jr., 1785.
 *George Richards, 1786.
 *Gabriel Helme, 1787.
 *John Jackson, 1788, 89.
 *Joseph Laughton, 1790, 91.
 *Thomas Farrington, 1792.

*Samuel Colesworthy, 1793.
 *Daniel Oliver, 1794—1801.
 *John Proctor, 1802—10.
 *John Soley, 1811—18.
 *Thomas Power, 1819—32.
 *Charles W. Moore, 1833—66.
 ‡Solon Thornton, 1867—71.
 §Charles H. Titus, 1871—

* Deceased.

† Deceased while in office.

‡ Resigned April 8, 1871.

§ Elected June 14, 1871.

¶ This name was stricken from the roll by a vote of Grand Lodge, June 11, 1873.

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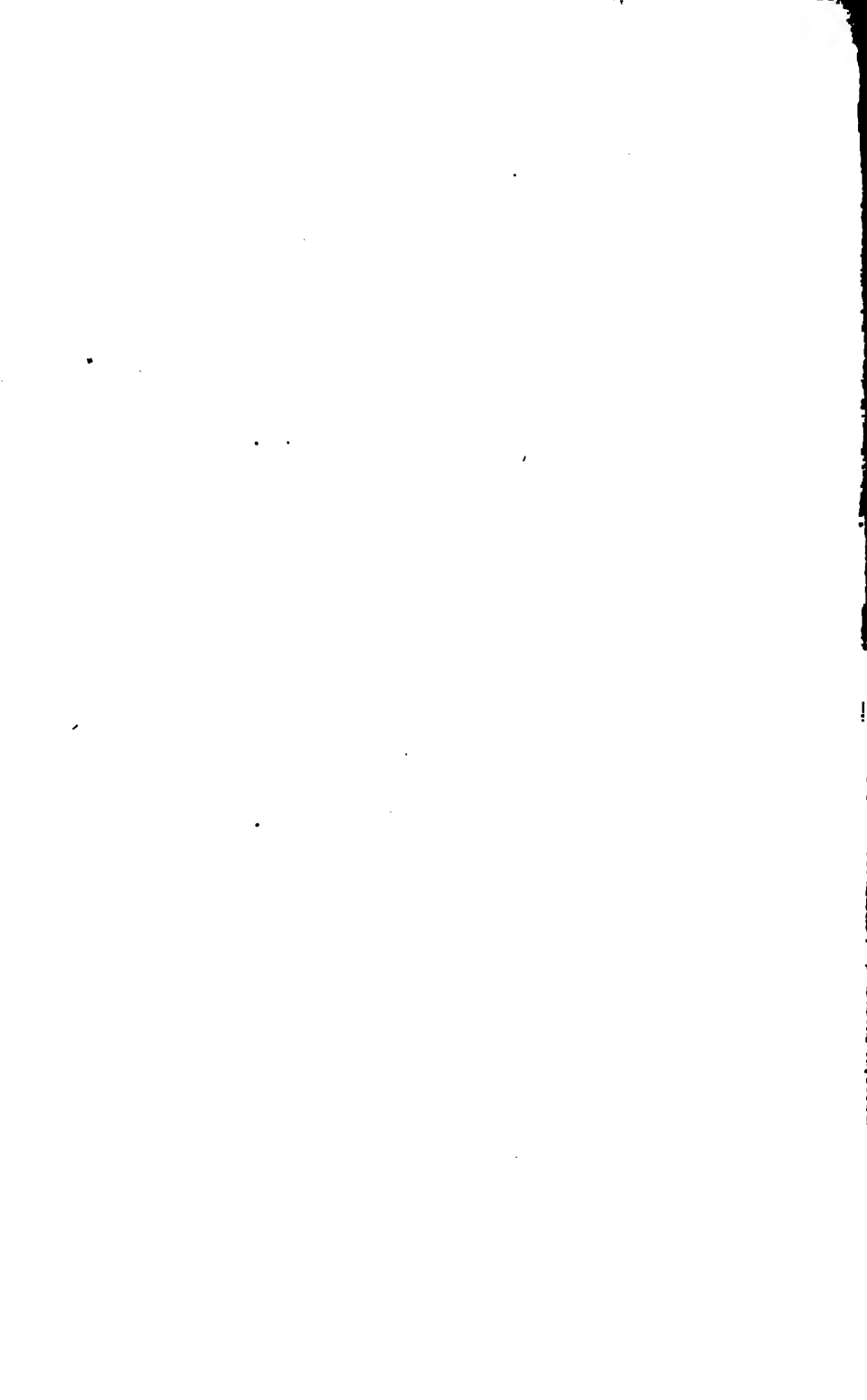
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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 10, A. L. 5875.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
day, the tenth day of March, A. L. 5875, A. D.
1875.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH	. .	Deputy Grand Master.
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BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES . . .	as Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . . .	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D.	" " " "
R.W. REV. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D.D.	" " " "
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R.W. MARSHALL P. WILDER . . .	" " " "
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R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . . .	" " "

R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . . .	Past Grand Warden.
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R.W. BENJAMIN DEAN . . .	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . . .	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE . . .	" " "
R.W. ELLJAH W. BURR . . .	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	" " "

OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH,	W. SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG.
	W. JOSEPH WINSOR.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALING.

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OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

W. HENRY G. FAY,	W. JAMES MILLS,
W. HENRY J. PARKER,	W. NATHANIEL GREENE.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

W. JOEL SEAVERN.

The Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus.

The Records of the Annual and Stated Communications of December, 1874, were read and approved.

The Record of the Special Communication of February 4, 1875, at Wales, for the purpose of constituting Anchor Lodge, dedicating its hall and installing its officers, was read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the

following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

SAINT JAMES, Mansfield.

ORANGE, Orange.

CHARLES C. DAME, Georgetown.

KING DAVID, Taunton.

ZETLAND, Boston.

Proxies were presented from

GRECIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. CHARLES H. LITTLEFIELD.

CHICOPEE LODGE, Chicopee, in favor of BRO. LORANUS E. HITCHCOCK.

SAINT PAUL LODGE, Ayer, in favor of W. BRO. E. DANA BANCROFT.

MARINERS LODGE, Cotuit, in favor of BRO. AUGUSTUS M. FISHER.

EDEN LODGE, Ware, in favor of BRO. FRANCIS A. SPEAR.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master alluded to the absence of the M.W. Grand Master, and informed the Brethren that he had recently suffered severe bereavement in the sudden death of his wife.

Subsequently, R.W. George P. Sanger submitted the following resolution, which was passed by a unanimous vote, the Brethren all rising: —

Resolved, That the warmest sympathies of the members of the Grand Lodge are tendered to the M.W. Grand Master in the severe domestic bereavement which causes his absence from the Quarterly Communication this day.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the decease of R.W. John Flint, M. D., Past Grand Warden, who died at his residence in this city on the eighth day of January last. R.W. Winslow Lewis, R.W. Abraham A. Dame, and W. William H. Thomes were appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions to be spread upon the Records.

The Deputy Grand Master also alluded to the recent death of the venerable Thomas Waterman, who, though not a member of the Grand Lodge, had long been known and loved by the Fraternity, and had, for nearly fifty years, been Secretary of Mount Lebanon Lodge in this city.

The record of the trial of Leon L. Peartree, by Massachusetts Lodge, was submitted for examination and approval, and referred to the Committee on Trials.

The Recording Grand Secretary submitted the proceedings of the newly organized Grand Lodge of Wyoming Territory, with a request from the same that the organization be recognized and acknowledged by us as a regular and duly constituted Grand Lodge. The proceedings and petition were referred to a committee consisting of R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.W. Tracy P. Cheever and W. Stephen W. Trowbridge.

The roll of the Lodges was called, and the following were found to be represented:—

ABERDOUR.	HYDE PARK.	PALESTINE.
ADELPHI.	IONIC (Taunton).	PAUL DEAN.
AMITY.	JOHN CUTLER.	PENTUCKET.
ANCIENT YORK.	JOHN HANCOCK.	PILGRIM.
ARTISAN.	JORDAN.	PIONEER.
ATHOL.	JOSEPH WARREN.	PLYMOUTH.
BELCHER.	KILWINNING.	PUTNAM.
BETHANY.	KING DAVID.	PYTHAGOREAN.
BETHESDA (Brighton).	KING SOLOMON.	QUINEBAUG.
BETH-HOBON.	KONOHASSETT.	RABBONI.
BRISTOL.	LAFAYETTE	REVERE.
CALEB BUTLER.	(Boston Highlands).	RISING STAR.
CHARITY.	MARINERS.	ROBERT LASH.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	MASSACHUSETTS.	ROSWELL LEE.
CHARLES H. TITUS.	MERRIMACK.	SAINT ALBAN'S.
CHICOPEE.	MIZPAH.	SAINT JOHN'S
COLUMBIAN.	MORNING STAR.	(Boston).
CONSTELLATION.	MONTACUTE.	SAINT MARTIN'S.
CRESCENT.	MOSAIC.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
DELTA.	MOUNT CARMEL.	SAINT PAUL'S
EDEN.	MOUNT HERMON.	(South Boston).
ELEUSIS.	MOUNT HOPE.	SILLOAM.
ELIOT.	MOUNT HOREB	STAR IN THE EAST.
ESSEX.	(Woburn).	STARR KING.
EUREKA.	MOUNT LEBANON.	TEMPLE.
EZEKIEL BATES.	MOUNT OLIVET.	THOMAS.
FAITH.	MOUNT TABOR.	UNION (Dorchester).
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MOUNT VERNON.	WASHINGTON.
GERMANIA.	MYSTIC.	WILDER.
GOLDEN FLEECE.	NORFOLK UNION.	WILLIAM NORTH.
GRECIAN.	NORTH STAR.	WILLIAM PARKMAN
HAMMATT.	OLD COLONY.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
HAMPDEN.	OLIVE BRANCH.	WINSLOW LEWIS
HIRAM.	ORIENT.	ZETLAND.
HOPE.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.	

The Committee on Ritual submitted the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

March 10, 1875.

The committee appointed at the Stated Communication, in December last, to determine in all respects what is, or should be, the ritual of this Grand Lodge, and make report thereon at this Quarterly Communication, have diligently attended to their duty, but have found the labor so great that they are able to present at this time a partial report only.

The M.W. Grand Master appears to have selected the committee with great care, having reference not only to their knowledge of the ritual and experience in its communication and exemplification, but also to the representation of the various shades of opinion in regard to it which have prevailed in this jurisdiction for the last thirty years. The committee was appointed on the 29th of December last, and assembled on the 2d of January for organization. It was then voted that a session should be held on each Wednesday evening. Meetings have been so held, and, including the preliminary meeting and one convened last evening for final revision, the committee find that they have devoted to this work a period equal to four entire working days of ten hours each. Almost every word of the work and lectures of the first degree has been very carefully weighed and considered. The committee have aimed to present the ritual as nearly as possible in the form in which they believe it existed when the Grand Lodge revised it by committee in 1862. In a few instances we have found that this could not be

accomplished without imposing considerable labor upon Brethren, who have made themselves familiar with other forms which have prevailed very generally for several years. In a few such instances, where the matter seemed immaterial, the committee have allowed what they considered as changes to stand.

The committee have further endeavored to make every sentence of the ritual thus far considered strictly grammatical.

They have also labored to make the work and lectures conform in every particular.

In many instances we have found a very wide difference of opinion on the part of the members of the committee as to particular phraseology. In some cases we found almost as many forms in use as there were members present. All these doubtful points have been very fully and thoroughly discussed, but when settled by a majority vote all different opinions have been very cheerfully yielded. The result has been that every member of the committee has found himself obliged to surrender certain words and phrases which habit had invested with peculiar charms for his ear, but which he was compelled to admit were in no sense essential.

The committee believe that it is not possible for the work to be more thoroughly, carefully and conscientiously performed; they are happy to say that they are unanimously agreed in submitting as the ritual of the first degree, the exhibit which they have authorized the secretary of the committee to present at this Communication, and which they beg to make a part of this report.

With the earnest hope that the M.W. Grand Lodge may adopt the work thus submitted without change, your committee respectfully ask further time for the consideration of the remainder of the ritual.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
WILLIAM S. GARDNER,

CHARLES C. DAME,
CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
CHARLES H. TITUS,
SAMUEL P. OLIVER,
WILLIAM F. SALMON,
HENRY ENDICOTT,
IVORY H. POPE,
CHARLES J. DANFORTH,
JOHN MCCLELLAN,
SAMUEL WELLS,
BENJAMIN F. NOURSE,

Committee.

The lectures, work, and opening and closing ceremonies of the first degree were then fully set forth.

At thirty-five minutes past three o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for ten minutes.

On resuming labor R.W. Henry Chickering moved that the lectures and work of the first degree, as this day set forth by the Committee on Ritual, be adopted, without amendment, as the ritual of this Grand Lodge for the first degree.

The motion prevailed by a nearly unanimous vote, only four voting in the negative in a vote of about three hundred.

On motion of R.W. Benjamin Dean, the Committee on Ritual were allowed further time for the consideration of the ritual of the second and third degrees.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial tribute to the memory of W. Bro. Lovell Bicknell submitted the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF W. BRO.
LOVELL BICKNELL.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 10, 1875.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:—

At the Stated Communication of our Grand Lodge, held in Boston on the 29th of December last, the death of Worshipful Brother Lovell Bicknell, Grand Standard-Bearer, was announced by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and the undersigned were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions suitable to the event. In pursuance of that duty we beg to present the following report:—

Prefatory to the resolutions hereto subjoined, it seems appropriate to give in brief the biography of our deceased Brother—one who for the greater part of his long, useful, and virtuous life was an earnest, faithful supporter of Freemasonry.

Lovell Bicknell was born in the town of Weymouth, in this State, where was his home from the time of his birth to his decease. The date of his birth was January 2d, 1793. He was town treasurer for several years, and was always prominent in town affairs. He was not a church member, but his relations were with the Methodists. He with his family attended the Methodist church, and several of its members were of that church's communion. In his younger days he followed the sea, and was, during the war of 1812, captured from an American privateer by a British cruiser and taken into Halifax. Here he found himself a fellow-prisoner with our late Brother "Father Taylor," the Rev. Edward T. Taylor, who was Chaplain of our

Grand Lodge in the years 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1840, and 1841.

His death occurred on Monday morning, December 14th, 1874. His sickness was short in duration. On the 9th of that month he attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he was apparently in as good health as usual. On the following morning, at seven o'clock, he was attacked by the enemy of mortality,—Death. Afterwards, he was unable to speak; though it is thought that at times he was conscious of things occurring around him.

The newspapers published in the vicinity of his residence contain obituary notices which are highly eulogistic of his character; showing how he was appreciated as a man and citizen where he was best known. "The Old Colony Memorial" (published at Plymouth), "The Weymouth Weekly Gazette," and "The Helping Hand" (of East Weymouth), each contributes its testimonial to the worth of our departed Brother.

Under date of Dec. 17, 1874, "The Old Colony Memorial" thus refers to him:—

"Quite a delegation of Plymouth Lodge A.F. and A.M., went to East Weymouth yesterday (Wednesday) to attend the funeral of Lovell Bicknell, Esq., who died in that town on Monday morning last, at the ripe age of eighty-two years. Mr. Bicknell was an honorary member of Plymouth Lodge, and during the anti-Masonic excitement of fifty years ago was one of the staunchest defenders of the Institution. He was a most estimable gentleman, widely known in Masonic circles, and held in the highest respect by the Fraternity in this town, for whom in return he cherished the warmest regard, and seldom failed of being present at their gatherings on public or official occasions."

The following is copied from the "Weymouth Weekly Gazette," of Dec. 18, 1874:—

"The recent death of Mr. Lovell Bicknell, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of Weymouth, a man who throughout a long life has maintained an honorable and upright character, and whose loss is deeply lamented by an extensive circle of friends, claims a record of respectful and grateful remembrance. His last disease, of which he had some weeks since experienced premonitory symptoms, was paralysis, which attacked him on Thursday, 10th inst., immediately prostrating his strength and depriving him of the power of speech, and the use of a portion of his body. He lingered, gradually failing, until Monday morning, when his strength being exhausted, enfeebled nature yielded, and he sank serenely into the arms of death. The obsequies of the deceased were attended by a large concourse of people, the whole community seeming desirous of paying their last tribute of respect to one so long known among them. For nearly fifty years he was an enthusiastic member of the Masonic Fraternity, and his Brethren of that Order were present, in large numbers, at his funeral on Wednesday last, the following organizations being in attendance: Delegation of Grand Lodge of Mass., Old Colony and South Shore Commanderies and a delegation from Brockton Commandery, Knights Templars; Orphan's Hope Lodge, East Weymouth; Delta Lodge, Weymouth; and delegations from Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth; Konohassett Lodge, Cohasset; and Old Colony Lodge, Hingham. The services were held in the Methodist Church, appropriate Masonic ceremonies having been previously conducted in the Lodge-room of Orphan's Hope Lodge. The church was filled to repletion with friends and neighbors of the deceased and the various organizations. The body reposed in a rich black walnut casket, and the face of the dead wore a very pleasant and life-like expression. A beautiful wreath of rare cut flowers lay upon the lid of the casket. The services commenced with singing, by the Masonic Choir, of the Psalm, 'The Lord has been our dwelling-place in all generations,' followed by the reading of selected portions of Scripture by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus. Prayer was then offered by Rev. S. L. Gracey; and, after a chant, 'Thy will be done,' by the choir, the same clergyman addressed the audience, giving a brief general reminiscence of the life and character of the deceased, speaking of him in his various relations as a citizen, a public official and a man.

"An address was then delivered by R.W. Rev. C. H. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary, who rendered a faithful and touching tribute of respect and affection to the deceased, speaking at length of his personal excellences of character, and especially of his steady and

intense devotion to the cause of Masonry, — he having joined the Order at the time the anti-Masonic tornado was sweeping over the land, — his zeal and love for the Institution continuing unabated to the hour of his death. Its principles of liberality, charity and brotherly love were ever exemplified in his life. Beneath his somewhat rough exterior there beat an affectionate and sympathetic heart. He realized that the grand aim of Masonry is 'to relieve the distressed, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds;' and these principles he put into practice in his life. He was held in high regard by his Brethren. For some years he had held the office of Grand Standard-Bearer in the Grand Lodge, and his Brethren of that Body will deeply lament the loss of a true and faithful Brother. The speaker concluded by urging upon all the necessity of a preparation for death, and expressing the hope that they might so live as to meet the departed Brother in the celestial Lodge above, where the 'Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.' The services closed with singing by the choir.

"From the church the remains were escorted to the Village Cemetery, where they were consigned to the silent grave. Here the service was solemn and impressive. Past Grand Master William D. Coolidge pronounced a brief eulogy, and the impressive burial-service of the Order was performed, and the sacred scroll deposited. Thus ended a mortal life of eighty-two years, and thus, in joyful hope of the resurrection of the body, he was committed 'earth to earth,' 'ashes to ashes,' 'dust to dust.' When such men die the wholesome influence of their good example survives them. It becomes an inspiration to the living, stimulating and quickening them to good works.

" 'The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.' "

From the "Helping Hand," of January 1, 1875: —

"We cannot allow this issue of our paper to go out without expressing a sorrow, that we felt in common with the entire community, at the death of one of our oldest and most honored citizens, Mr. Lovell Bicknell. His kindness of nature, and genial, cordial manners, and useful life, marked him as a man to be missed from any community. His funeral was attended by the Masonic Fraternity, and our church was crowded to its utmost in accommodating the many friends who desired to attend the public funeral services. We shall miss him from our streets, and the social gatherings in our church."

Thirteen years ago, the deceased made the request of Past Grand Master William D. Coolidge to conduct the Masonic rites over his grave, should the latter be the survivor. It is needless to say that this duty was discharged by Brother Coolidge in a feeling and impressive manner befitting the solemn occasion.

Brother Bicknell was raised in Orphan's Hope Lodge on the 10th of October, 1826, and exalted in Pilgrim Chapter on the 27th of May, 1864. He was admitted into the Order of the Temple, in Old Colony Commandery, on the 9th of September, 1864. The degrees of R. and S. Master were conferred on him in Abington Council, on the 13th of May, 1870. He was Junior Warden of Orphan's Hope Lodge in 1855, 1856 and 1857, but declined another election.

Notwithstanding Brother Bicknell reached the great age of fourscore years and two, his bodily and mental vigor was such as seemed to controvert the psalmist, whose words are: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow." . . . That did not appear to be our Brother's experience. He was even boastful of his strength until within a few days of his death. Throughout his life he had been in a remarkable degree exempt from sickness; which denoted a strong physical constitution, which few men enjoy. During the past autumn he was present at most of the Lodge meetings held in District No. 16, for the official visits of the District Deputy Grand Master of that District, R.W. Edward Avery. His Masonic enthusiasm carried him last year to Philadelphia, at the time of the dedication of the magnificent Masonic Temple in that city. Whenever it was possible he made it a point to attend a Masonic celebration on Saint John's day.

We all know with what zest he participated in the celebration of the annual GRAND FEAST of our Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held on the 8th of September, 1869, the letter which follows was read:—

M. W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will please to hand the within bond for one hundred dollars to our worthy Grand Treasurer, as a gift to the Grand Lodge towards cancelling the debt to that amount on our noble Temple.

Yours fraternally,

LOVELL BICKNELL.

The generous gift was acknowledged by a vote of the Grand Lodge. The generosity of the donor is the more striking, because he was not a “rich man” in the common acceptation of the term. Had the spirit which prompted this act pervaded the Fraternity throughout the Commonwealth, “our noble Temple” would have long since been released from its encumbrances; affording us the opportunity to devote the whole of the income from it to the general charities of the Brotherhood.

Brother Bicknell was installed as Standard-Bearer of the Grand Lodge on the 29th of December, 1868. From that time until his decease he was present at all of our Quarterly and Stated Communications, excepting four. So regular an attendance would be creditable to a young man; but that an octogenarian should thus energetically follow the line of his duty affords an example which every Mason, young or old, should endeavor to imitate.

We propose the resolutions following for the adoption of the Grand Lodge:—

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge mournfully realize that in the death of Worshipful Lovell Bicknell they have lost an earnest, faithful and exemplary associate; one who, for half a century, cherished the humane principles of Freemasonry with "freedom, fervency and zeal."

Resolved, That it is with unfeigned satisfaction we contemplate his long earthly career, which affords so many examples of uprightness, kindness, and steady devotion to his duty and principles, worthy of our imitation.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the family of our late Brother, with an expression of our deeply-felt sympathy in their bereavement.

All of which is respectfully presented by the committee.

JOHN T. HEARD,
W. T. GRAMMER,
WILLIAM J. STEVENS,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted by unanimous vote.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial for the Records upon the death of R.W. John Flint, M.D., Past Grand Warden, made report as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF DR. FLINT.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 10, 1875.

Death steals upon us with inaudible steps, and thins our numbers in every relation of life; takes from our domestic hearths our hearts' treasures, and in the wider spheres of society makes his inroads on associations hallowed by friendship.

"Here Brother follows Brother
From sunset to the sunless land."

We have been called to pay our tribute of respect and regard to the memory of one long endeared by his fraternal connection with this Grand Lodge, R.W. Brother Dr. John Flint.

Of our departed Brother, whose life presented no striking, emphatic incidents, whose career was noiseless and undemonstrative, but effective in good to those who committed their health to his care, but few words will suffice.

He received an academic education at Leicester, but never a classical one. His medical degree was conferred by Harvard College. He commenced practice in this city, and continued his professional devotion until his death.

There are individuals, not much known beyond the limits of the community in which they live, whose loss falls heavily on many hearts; whose eulogy, however brief, comes mingled with regrets from the lips of all who knew them, and speaks only what they feel. It is surely thus we experience the departure of one thus esteemed, not for eminent intellectual power, but, transcending this, for his goodness, which is true greatness. "He gave himself to his profession, and was rarely absent from his duties," fulfilling the one condition essential to the best kind of success, and thus acquired the confidence which is reposed only in the practitioner who lives almost entirely for his sacred duties.

His long and intimate connection with the Masonic Institution, his varied official positions, are well known and appreciated. He has presided over Lodge, Chapter (both Subordinate and Grand), Commandery, and Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and, as Past Grand Warden, was a permanent member of this Grand Lodge. He has ever retained the regard and respect of his Brethren, and has departed full of years and left the record of a well-spent life.

Resolved, That, with a deep sense of our bereavement by the death of our late Brother the R.W. Dr. John Flint, we would testify our respect to his memory by placing on record the acknowledgment that he has left on our hearts the impress of a good man and Brother, an example of a life well spent and rounded to an honorable close.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
ABRAHAM A. DAME,
WILLIAM H. THOMES,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the resolution adopted by unanimous vote.

The committee on the proposed amendment to the Grand Constitutions made report, which was adopted by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENT OF GRAND CONSTITUTIONS. ..

IN GRAND LODGE, March 10, 1875.

The committee appointed at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, to consider an amendment to Part IV., Article III., Section 1, of the Grand Constitutions, have duly considered the proposition, and beg leave to report:—

That to facilitate the work of the Grand Lodge in preparing a Register of the names of the Brethren in the Commonwealth, it is expedient and advisable that the amendment be adopted, and said section be changed by striking out the word “age,” in the form of petition, and inserting instead, “date of birth,” “place of birth.”

Also inserting between the third and fourth lines of said petition the words, "My full name is."

CHARLES J. DANFORTH,

JOSEPH B. MASON,

GEORGE B. AGER,

Committee.

On motion of R.W. John McClellan, Grand Treasurer, five hundred dollars (\$500) were appropriated for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

R.W. John T. Heard submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted by unanimous vote:—

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED BY R. W. BRO. JOHN T. HEARD RELATING TO THE NEW ENGLAND FREEMASON.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 10, 1875.

Whereas, This Grand Lodge deem it of the highest importance that a periodical should be maintained in this jurisdiction devoted exclusively to the interests of Freemasonry; to the intelligent and discreet treatment of questions affecting its welfare; the diffusion of knowledge of its history, philosophy, and jurisprudence; and the dissemination of general Masonic news; and,

Whereas, Our Right Worshipful Brother, Sereno D. Nickerson, Past Grand Master, has, at great personal expense and pains, established such a periodical, entitled "The New England Freemason," and conducts it with enterprise and rare ability, and in a manner entitling it to the approbation of the Fraternity; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the Lodges and the Brethren of this jurisdiction that they should give to the said publication their most hearty and liberal support and encouragement.

Resolved, That the Masters of Lodges are requested to bring to the notice of their respective Lodges the importance of sustaining a work of the character which "The New England Freemason" has hitherto borne.

The Committee on Trials made report, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIALS, IN THE CASE OF
LEON L. PEARTREE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 10, 1875.

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of Massachusetts Lodge, in the trial of Brother Leon L. Peartree, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully submit the following report:—

The respondent was charged with a "violation of his duties and obligations as a Mason," in that he "did wilfully and unlawfully cheat, wrong and defraud one Niels Jacobs, a Brother Master Mason," by means of false and fraudulent representations and tokens concerning certain personal property, and thereby obtain from said Jacobs a large sum of money.

The charge clearly sets forth the specific acts relied on to establish the guilt of the accused.

The duty of making service on the respondent appears to have been committed to the Secretary of the Lodge, and the record shows that he made the following service, viz.:—

"This is to certify that I this day, at three o'clock and twenty minutes P. M., delivered an attested copy of the charge and specification herein contained, to Mrs. Leon L. Peartree, at her residence, No. 669 Shawmut avenue, Boston, the whereabouts of Leon L. Peartree being unknown to me or her, also notifying

him to be present at a Special Communication of Massachusetts Lodge, to be held Thursday, February 18, 1875."

This is written on the back of an attested copy of the charge, and there also appears on the same sheet of paper, which is referred to in the record as "Appendix No. 3," a notice, addressed to Brother Leon L. Peartree, of a Special Communication of Massachusetts Lodge, to be held "Thursday, Feb. 18, 1875, at seven and one half o'clock, P. M., for the examination of charges," preferred against him by a committee of the Lodge.

The record discloses no other service than that given above.

There is great doubt as to the sufficiency of this service. It is not a personal service on the respondent; nor a service at his "last and usual place of abode;" nor does it distinctly appear by the return, or anywhere in the record, that the respondent's residence was "out of the State and unknown." If it had clearly appeared in the record that his residence was "out of the State and unknown," the Lodge might properly have proceeded with an *ex parte* trial.

It will also be observed that the return is defective in not setting forth a service of a summons to appear at the time and place fixed for an examination of the charges.

An examination of the evidence given at the trial discloses a fatal omission.

In order to find the respondent guilty of the particular charge preferred against him, it should be proved that Niels Jacobs was a Master Mason. The specification is that he cheated, wronged and defrauded Niels Jacobs, a Brother Master Mason; and upon this the only reference found in the evidence is that Brother A. K. Bryer, in his testimony refers to him as "Brother Jacobs." This cannot be considered sufficient to sustain the averment that he was a "Brother Master Mason."

Much of the evidence given at the trial was strictly "hearsay," and ought not to have been received. It should always be borne in mind that the one rule of evidence laid down in the Grand Regulations is this: "Hearsay evidence shall be excluded."

Inasmuch as there are grave doubts as to the sufficiency of the service on the respondent, and an omission to prove a material fact necessary to establish the guilt of the respondent, the proceedings should not be confirmed; but the case should be remanded to Massachusetts Lodge, to amend the record, or for a new trial of the respondent, if that Lodge shall so desire, or the circumstances may require.

EDWARD AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS,

Committee.

The following letter of invitation from the Bunker Hill Monument Association was read by the Deputy Grand Master, and referred to the Grand Master: —

LETTER OF INVITATION FROM BUNKER HILL MONUMENT
ASSOCIATION, TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION ON THE
17TH OF JUNE NEXT.

Boston, March 10, 1875.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: —

The Bunker Hill Monument Association propose to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on the 17th June next by a grand military and civic procession and by an oration and other appropriate exercises on the battle-field.

From the peculiar interest which the Masonic Fraternity has felt in that memorable event, and from the very intimate relations which have always subsisted between our two Bodies, the Association do hereby extend a special invitation to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, with its affiliated and subordinate Bodies, to participate in the celebration.

Per order of the Standing Committee of the Directors of the Bunker Hill Monument Association.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
President B.H.M.A.

To M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,
Grand Master.

Brother Edwin Wright submitted the following motion: —

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting some plan whereby all Masonic trials shall be had before some Board or Commission of the Grand Lodge.

The motion prevailed, and R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, R.W. Benjamin Dean, Brother Edwin Wright, W. Warren B. Ellis and W. John H. Roberts were appointed the committee.

A petition was received from R.W. Brother Benjamin Pope, praying the Grand Lodge to consider the expediency of recognizing and regulating, or exercising a suitable supervision over, Masonic Co-operative Life Insurance Associations, that have

been, or may be established within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and the same was referred to R.W. William F. Salmon, R.W. Elijah W. Burr and W. Charles D. Annable.

A communication was received from the Committee on Charity, asking that the status of its members in Grand Lodge may be definitely determined; and that the right to speak and vote in Grand Lodge may be accorded to them as members of one of its standing committees. The communication was referred to R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury, W. Joseph B. Mason, and W. S. T. P. Martin.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Annual Address, of December last, made report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 10, A.L. 5875.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Annual Address as was not otherwise disposed of, respectfully present the following report:—

The M.W. Grand Master suggests the expediency of dispensing with the Annual Exemplification, now held in Boston on the day following the Annual Communication, and substituting therefor an Exemplification to be held annually in each

District, at a time and by Lodges to be designated by the District Deputy Grand Masters. He suggests that in this way probably ten times as many Brethren could and would witness the work as now have the opportunity, and at much less expense to themselves.

The undersigned are unanimous in the opinion that the adoption of the plan proposed would be for the best interests of the Craft. The crowded assemblies at recent Annual Exemplifications, the difficulty in properly distinguishing those whose right it is to be present at these occasions, and the great and increasing interest now so generally felt in the correct rendering of the ritual, both in the work and lectures, are sufficient reasons for the proposed change.

They believe that the adoption of this suggestion would enable the Brethren to witness Exemplifications much more frequently, with greater ease and less expense to the working officers of the Lodges, as well as to the Brethren at large; and would ensure the more general diffusion of a correct knowledge of the work. To carry this suggestion into effect it will be necessary to amend the Grand Constitutions in Part I., Article VIII., Section 17, by striking out the words "before the Grand Lodge, on the Thursday following the Annual Communication in December in each year," and to substitute therefor the words "whenever ordered by the Grand Master." The section will then read "There shall be three Grand Lecturers, being Past Masters, annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to exemplify the work and lectures of the several degrees, whenever ordered by the Grand Master, for the benefit of the Brethren generally."

Also to add the following to Section 10, in same Article, before the words "they shall have power," etc., "it shall be

the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to hold, at some suitable place, an Exemplification of the work and lectures of each of the degrees at least once in every year, at such times, and by such Lodges in his District, as he shall designate; and he shall arrange to have at least one of the Grand Lecturers present at all such Exemplifications." We recommend that the above amendments be made.

Several other topics are ably presented in the address, especially the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, but the committee are not now prepared to make any other special recommendation. Your committee, however, cannot refrain from referring to the strenuous and persistent efforts of M.W. Grand Master Nickerson in relieving the Grand Lodge from the embarrassments and pecuniary difficulties with which it was involved at his first inauguration. In addition to his constant fidelity and devotion to his official duties and to the interests of the Grand Lodge, for his extraordinary services in this behalf, a special recognition is due.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN,
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and the proposed amendments to the Grand Constitutions were referred to R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, W. William F. Annable and W. L. Cushing Kimball.

The Committee on By-Laws made report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, March 10, 1875.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the amendments to the By-Laws of King David Lodge, Taunton ; Orange Lodge, Orange ; Charles C. Dame Lodge, Newburyport ; and recommend their approval.

The full code from St. James Lodge, of Mansfield, has received careful attention, and the committee have made several amendments. With the amendments as noted we recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,

JOEL SEAVERN,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,

Committee.

R.W. William T. R. Marvin, District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District, and W. J. Francis Lotts, Grand Lecturer, were duly installed into their respective offices by the Deputy Grand Master.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Kansas was read by the Deputy Grand Master : —

LETTER FROM GRAND LODGE OF KANSAS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, LAWRENCE, January 27, 1875.

M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER, — Sincerely regretting that the necessities of our Brethren require it, I feel that it would be a neglect of duty if I failed to appeal to you, and through you to

the Masons in your Grand Jurisdiction, to aid the destitute in the western portion of this State. The cause and extent of the destitution are so well known that any statement at this time in explanation is unnecessary.

Our Subordinate Lodges have been called upon for contributions, but from the fact that no part of our State wholly escaped devastation, even the Lodges in the more populous districts have an extraordinary burden to bear, and therefore cannot respond to the call as liberally as they otherwise would; all that they can do will fall far short of the amount which should be given in charity to relieve cases of actual suffering.

Contributions may be sent to R.:W.: JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary, Leavenworth. Your donations will be distributed under the superintendence of the Grand Officers, assisted by the Masters of Lodges in the destitute districts, and all that is received will be devoted exclusively to Masonic charity. "Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plentifully; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little; for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity."

Fraternally,

OWEN A. BASSETT,

Grand Master.

Attest:

JOHN H. BROWN,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, it was

Voted, That five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated for the relief of distressed Brethren in Kansas, to be paid by the Grand Master, should he find that the necessities of our Brethren there continue to demand such relief.

The Committee on the Grand Lodge of Wyoming Territory submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OF WYOMING
TERRITORY.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

BOSTON, March 10, 1875.

The committee, to whom was referred the communication from the newly organized Grand Lodge of Wyoming Territory, have duly considered their request, and respectfully report:—

That said Grand Lodge appears to have been regularly organized on the 15th of December last, at Laramie City, in said Territory, by four duly chartered Lodges, namely, Cheyenne Lodge, No. 16; Laramie Lodge, No. 18; and Evans-ton Lodge, No. 24; all chartered by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, together with Wyoming Lodge, No. 28, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Your committee doubt as to the expediency of forming small, and therefore weak, Grand Lodges; but as the Brethren immediately concerned are probably the best judges of their own wants and necessities we yield to their decision.

The proceedings appear to have been entirely regular and in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks.

We therefore recommend that the Recording Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Wyoming, the fraternal recognition and cordial congratulations of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

STEPHEN W. TROWBRIDGE,

Committee.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson submitted the following amendment to the Grand Constitutions, and the same was referred to R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, W. William F. Annable, and W. L. Cushing Kimball: —

Amend Part I., Article II., Section 1, by changing the order of rank of all Grand Officers after the W. Grand Marshal to conform to the following order: —

14. W. Grand Lecturers.
15. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
16. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
17. W. Grand Stewards.
18. W. Grand Sword-Bearer.
19. W. Grand Standard-Bearer.
20. W. Grand Pursuivants.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of St. John's Lodge, Boston, relating to its charter; and the committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Albert F. Kelley, relating to a question of Masonic ruling, were granted further time.

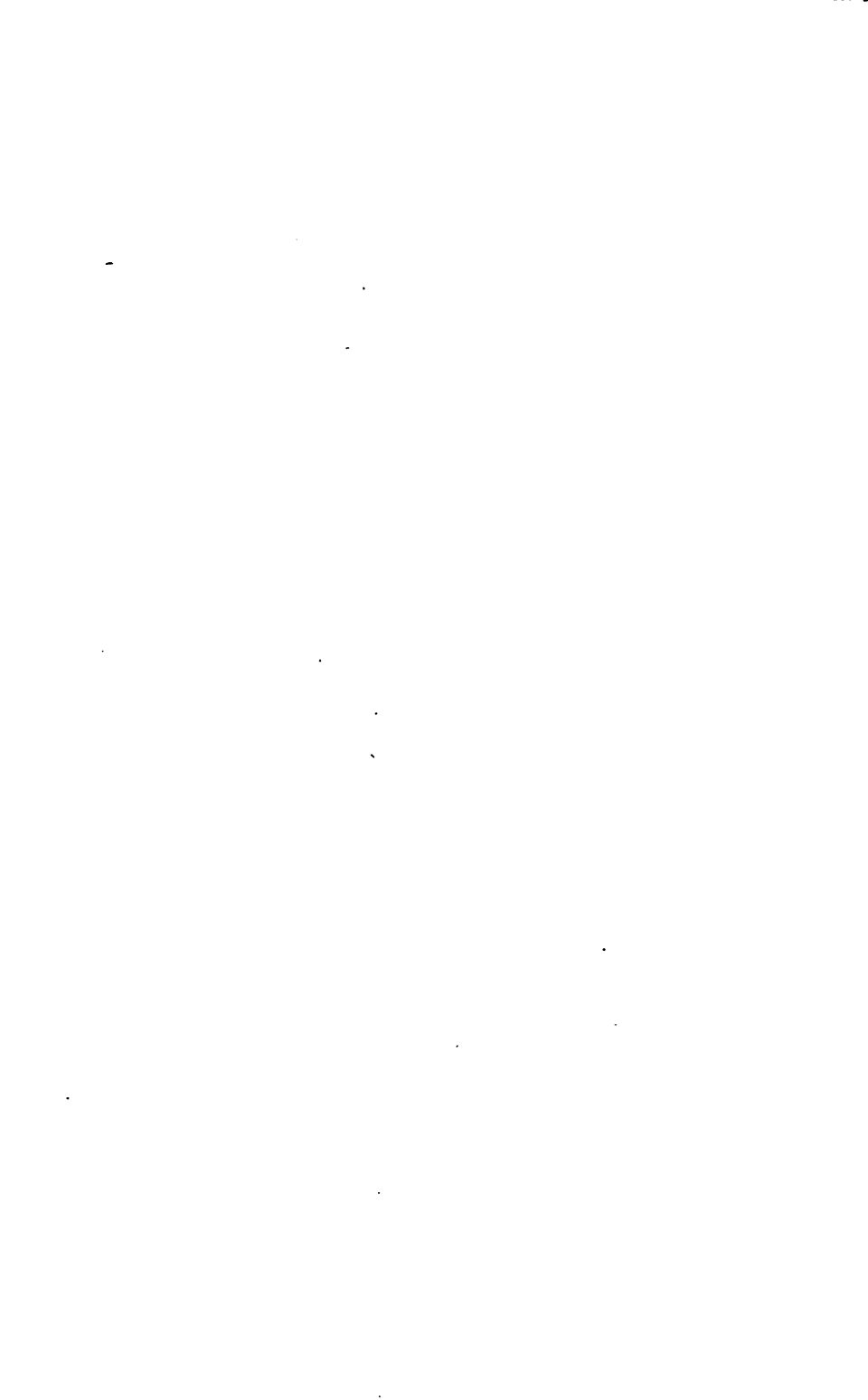
No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM, at five minutes past five o'clock, P. M. Prayer was offered by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.



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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

JUNE 9, 1875,

AND

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JUNE 17, AND JULY 3, 1875.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, GRAND MASTER.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

BOSTON:
PRESS OF ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL,
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MASONIC TEMPLE,
BOSTON, MASS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:
CHARLES H. TITUS,
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BOSTON, MASS.

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 9, A. L. 5875.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
day, the ninth day of June, A. L. 5875, A. D.
1875.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING, . . .	as Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS . . .	" " District No. 2.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. GEORGE F. HOMER . . .	" " District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED . . .	" " District No. 5.

R.W. WARREN CURRIER . . .	D.D.G. Master,	District No. 6.
R.W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER . . .	“	“ District No. 8.
R.W. JOHN R. DAVISON . . .	“	“ District No. 9.
R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN . . .	“	“ District No. 10.
R.W. WILLIAM A. SMITH . . .	“	“ District No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . .	“	“ District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHODES . . .	“	“ District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	“	“ District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD . . .	“	“ District No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN . . .	“	“ District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	“	“ District No. 17.
R.W. JOHN WETHERBEE . . .	“	“ District No. 18.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.	
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.	
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.	
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Steward.	
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS,	}	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER,		
W. HENRY STEPHENSON,	}	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. BAYLIES SANFORD, JR. . .		
W. FREDERICK D. ELY,	}	Grand Pursuivants.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON,		
W. THOMAS WATERMAN,	}	Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY,		
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS,		
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.	
BRO. FRANK E. JONES . . .	as Grand Tyler.	

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	Past Grand Master.		
R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	"	"	"
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	"	"	"
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	"	"	"
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER . . .	"	"	"
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . . .	"	"	"
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.		
R.W. REV. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D.D. . .	"	"	"
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN . . .	"	"	"
R.W. JOEL SPALDING . . .	Past Grand Warden.		

pose of dedicating the new Masonic hall of Dalhousie Lodge, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

ZETLAND, Boston.

JOHN T. HEARD, Ipswich.

SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.

SAINT JOHN'S, Newburyport.

BAALBEC, East Boston.

SAINT ALBAN'S, Foxborough.

PALESTINE, Everett.

ROSWELL LEE, Springfield.

CHARLES H. TITUS, Taunton.

MOUNT MORIAH, Westfield.

Proxies were presented from

BETHESDA LODGE, Valparaiso, Chili, in favor of BRO. T. G. WADMAN.

CALEB BUTLER LODGE, Ayer, in favor of W. BRO. GEORGE V. BARRETT.

JOHN HANCOCK LODGE, Methuen, in favor of BRO. EDWARD F. JOHNSON.

PLYMOUTH LODGE, Plymouth, in favor of W. BRO. JOSIAH C. FULLER.

• KING HIRAM LODGE, Provincetown, in favor of R.W. BRO. JOHN W. ATWOOD.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The following petitions for Charters for Lodges now under Dispensation were received and referred to the Committee on Charters: —

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR NORFOLK LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most

Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, bearing date May 18th, 1874, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, now returning our Dispensation, with a record of all our proceedings, and a copy of our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution, empowering us with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of Norfolk Lodge, of Needham, in the County of Norfolk, to perform all the ceremonies and discharge all the duties at said Needham appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

EMERY GROVER,
EDWARD AUGUSTUS MILLS,
ELBRIDGE GERRY LEACH,
EDGAR HOWARD BOWERS,
THEODORE FRANK HANKS,
JOHN FLINT EDWARDS,
LEWIS ARMSTRONG,
JOHN NATHANIEL HENZEL,
THOMAS COKE EATON,
WILLIAM SCOTT,
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HARDING,
JOHN MANLOVE HODGE,
GEORGE EDMUND OTIS,
DAVID McDUGAL LIVINGSTON,

JAMES EDWIN CHAPMAN,
JOHN TRUE ABBOTT,
EDWARD DORSEY,
STEPHEN GANO ABBOTT,
GEORGE BELL HODGE,
AARON TWIGG,
JAMES PRINCE INGALS,
WILLIAM HENDERSON NORTON,
ERNEST B. WASSERMANN,
EDWARD WATERS PROCTOR,
ANDREW THEODORE BEMIS,
ALBION ROBUR CLAPP,
ISAAC RHOADES STEARNS,
GEORGE FREDERICK GOULD,

JAMES SMITH.

NEEDHAM, Mass., June 7, 1875.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR COCHICHEWICK LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts : —

We, the undersigned, respectfully represent that a Dispensation was granted, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for a new Lodge to be located in the town of North Andover, in the County of Essex, said Dispensation being dated June 2d, 1874.

We now most respectfully petition your Most Worshipful Body to grant us a Charter of Constitution. If the prayer of this petition is granted, we promise a strict conformity to the Constitutions, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

LOUIS WEIL,
JOHN PARKHURST,
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR,
FREDERICK P. HANAFORD,
S. WILLIAM INGALLS,
HENRY NEWHALL,
HENRY KENISTON,
HIRAM BERRY,
JAMES A. MONTGOMERY,
THOMAS K. GILMAN,
OLIVER R. GILE,

JOSEPH F. ALLEN,
CHARLES F. JOHNSON,
HORACE N. STEVENS,
ISAAC S. DIXON,
JAMES T. JOHNSON,
ROBERT BROOKHOUSE, JR.
CHARLES H. WRITER,
MILON S. JENKINS,
CHARLES P. MORRILL,
NATHANIEL GAGE,
WILLIAM B. CHADWICK.

NORTH ANDOVER, June 7, 1875.

The proceedings of Temple Lodge, East Boston, in the trial of Frederick O. Thomas, were submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval, and were referred to the Committee on Trials.

The decease of Bro. Eben F. Gay, Grand Tyler, was announced by the Grand Master as having occurred April 4, 1875, and R.W. Benjamin Dean, W. William H. Thomes and W. Joseph B. Mason, were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable memorial for the records of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master called the attention of the Brethren to the excellent portrait of Past Grand Master Isaiah Thomas, which had been hung in the Grand Lodge Hall since our last Quarterly Communication, the generous gift of Morning Star

Lodge, of Worcester; accompanied by the following communication, which was read by the Grand Master: —

WORCESTER, MASS., April 24, 1875.

To the R. W. Grand Secretary: —

DEAR SIR,— In behalf of Morning Star Lodge, the undersigned beg leave to present, for the acceptance of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the accompanying portrait of the late R. W. Past Grand Master, Isaiah Thomas.

It may be of interest to add that this portrait is a copy, by Mr. C. K. Hardy of this city, of an older copy in our possession, taken from the original picture owned by the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester.

Hoping that this memorial will prove acceptable to the Grand Lodge, we remain, with great respect,

Fraternally yours,

HORACE A. RICHARDSON,

WILLIAM S. BARTON,

WILLIAM L. CLARK,

Committee of Morning Star Lodge.

Past Grand Master John T. Heard moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Morning Star Lodge, of Worcester, for their very acceptable gift to the Grand Lodge of the portrait of Past Grand Master Isaiah Thomas; and the motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

The following communication has been forwarded to Morning Star Lodge by the M. W. Grand Master: —

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON,
June 10, 1875.

To

HORACE A. RICHARDSON,
WILLIAM S. BARTON,
WILLIAM L. CLARK,

Worcester,

Committee of Morning Star Lodge:—

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your letter of the 24th April, together with the portrait of Past Grand Master Isaiah Thomas, was duly received, and presented to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication yesterday. It was unanimously voted to accept this valued gift, and to present to your Lodge the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the same.

I am,

Yours truly and fraternally,

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,

Grand Master.

It being announced that Judge Owen A. Bassett, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Kansas; R.W. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and R.W. John F. Burrill, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, were in the ante-room, a committee was appointed by the Grand Master, consisting of Past Grand Masters R.W. Winslow Lewis, R.W. John T. Heard and R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, and the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Charles A. Welch, who waited upon the distinguished visitors, and conducted them to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising. The

Grand Master received the visiting Brethren in behalf of the Grand Lodge, and assured them of the great pleasure it gave him and our Massachusetts Brethren to welcome them among us, and caused them to be seated upon his right.

The roll of the Lodges was called, and the following were found to be represented:—

ABERDOUR.	ELIOT.	MIZPAH.
ADELPHI.	ESSEX.	MONITOR.
ALFRED BAYLIES.	EUREKA.	MORNING STAR.
AMICABLE.	FAITH.	MONTACUTE.
AMITY.	FELLOWSHIP.	MONTGOMERY.
ANCIENT YORK.	GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	MOAIC.
ARTISAN.	GERMANIA.	MOUNT CARMEL.
ATHOL.	GOLDEN FLEECE.	MOUNT HERMON.
ATHELSTAN.	GRECIAN.	MOUNT HOPE.
BAALBEC.	HAMPDEN.	MOUNT HOREB
BAY STATE.	HENRY PRICE.	(Woburn).
BELMONT.	HOPE.	MOUNT LEBANON.
BETHESDA (Brighton).	HYDE PARK.	MOUNT OLIVET.
BETHESDA	JOHN CUTLER.	MOUNT TABOR.
(Valparaiso).	JOHN HANCOCK.	MOUNT VERNON.
BRISTOL.	JORDAN.	NORFOLK UNION.
CALEB BUTLER.	JOSEPH WARREN.	NORTH STAR.
CHARITY.	KILWINNING.	OLD COLONY.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	KING DAVID.	ORANGE.
CHARLES H. TITUS.	KING HIRAM.	ORIENT.
CHICOPEE.	KING SOLOMON.	ORPHAN'S HOPE.
COLUMBIAN.	KONOHASSETT.	PALESTINE.
CONSTELLATION.	LAFAYETTE	PAUL DEAN.
CORINTHIAN.	(Boston Highlands).	PENTUCKET.
CRESCENT.	LIBERTY.	PILGRIM.
DALHOUSIE.	MARINERS.	PIONEER.
DELTA.	MASSACHUSETTS.	PLYMOUTH.
DORIC.	MERRIMACK.	PURITAN.
ELEUSIS.	MIDDLESEX.	PUTNAM.

RABBONI.	SAINT MARK'S.	UNION (Dorchester).
REVERE.	SAINT MARTIN'S.	UNITED BRETHREN.
RISING STAR.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).	WASHINGTON.
ROBERT LASH.	SAINT PAUL'S	WILDER.
ROSWELL LEE.	(South Boston).	WILLIAM NORTH.
SAGGAHEW.	STAR IN THE EAST.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
SAINT ALBAN'S.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
SAINT ANDREWS.	STARR KING.	ZETLAND.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).	TEMPLE.	

Brother Francis C. Whiston, of Boston, presented to the Grand Lodge, the Masonic apron worn by the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Bunker Hill Monument, June 17, 1825, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, when this distinguished visitor and Brother Mason assisted in the imposing ceremonies of that occasion; accompanied by the autograph remarks made by Daniel Webster and Lafayette at the banquet which followed, when Brother Whiston acted as toast-master. Brother Whiston spoke as follows:—

REMARKS OF BROTHER F. C. WHISTON ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE APRON WORN BY LAFAYETTE.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:—

By your kind indulgence I am here to-day to perform a most grateful duty. Fifty years ago it was my privilege and very great pleasure to be numbered with that countless throng assembled on Bunker Hill, to witness the laying of the corner-stone of that noble monument erected to commemorate the brave deeds of that invincible band of heroes and patriots,

who, upon that very hill fifty years before, made the first formidable armed resistance to British oppression, and by their valor and indomitable courage taught an arrogant and insolent foe a lesson more lasting than the granite column which transmits to posterity the remembrance of a day never to be forgotten in the history of our beloved country; and always certainly to be remembered by all good Masons, for there our most worthy Grand Master, the illustrious statesman, patriot, and soldier, Joseph Warren, offered his precious young life, a sacrifice upon the altar of his country's liberties. Assembled there upon that occasion were the surviving heroes of our Revolution, conspicuous among whom, stood the dignified form of the Marquis de Lafayette, the early and devoted friend of Washington. At the close of the ceremony, and after the delivery of the magnificent oration by Daniel Webster, the Masonic portion of the assembly unclothed, preparatory to proceeding to what was *more properly* known as *Bunker Hill*, where a sumptuous dinner was partaken of by several thousand persons. As my position, as one of the marshals of the day, gave me the opportunity of being near the person of General Lafayette, I received from him, in that graceful, bland, and affable manner so peculiar to himself, the Masonic apron he had worn during the ceremonies of the day, and which I have faithfully preserved as a valuable memento of that great man, and the interesting and important event it serves to call to remembrance. But, as I shall, in all human probability, soon reach the end of my mortal journey, and be compelled to leave the care of this precious relic in other hands, it occurred to me that I could find no safer, or more appropriate place of deposit than the archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and will, therefore, Most Worshipful Grand Master, with your permission, commit it to your custody, that it may be placed with

your other valuable mementos and records. And I have thought it appropriate, and that it might be acceptable to the Grand Lodge, were I to associate with the apron worn by Lafayette, and commit to the same sacred depository, the toasts, and the remarks connected therewith, offered at the dinner table, by the President and orator of the day, Daniel Webster, and by General Lafayette, the most distinguished guest of the occasion, — each in the handwriting of their respective authors, and which were handed me, as toast-master, on that occasion, at the time of their delivery, by these distinguished gentlemen.

The following are copies of the toasts referred to by Brother Whiston: —

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

[DANIEL WEBSTER.]

The President said he rose to propose a toast, in behalf of the Directors of the Association. Probably he was already anticipated in the name which he should mention. It was well known that the distinguished personage near him, from the time when he first became acquainted with the object of the Association, had taken much interest in it, and had expressed an intention to be present at the ceremony of laying the cornerstone. This purpose he had kindly remembered through the long course of his visits to the several States. It was not at all necessary to say, — indeed it could not be said, — how much his presence had added to the interest and pleasure of the occasion. He should proceed at once to the grateful duty which the Directors had enjoined on him, and propose to the company “Health and long life to General Lafayette.”

AT THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE 17TH. [1825.]

General Lafayette rose and expressed himself in the following words: —

Gentlemen :— I will not longer trespass on your time than to thank you, in the name of my revolutionary companions in arms and myself, for the testimonies of esteem and affection, I may say, of filial affection, which have been bestowed upon us on the memorable celebration of this anniversary day ; and to offer our fervent prayers for the preservation of that republican freedom, equality, and self-government, that blessed union between the States of the Confederacy for which we have fought and bled, and on which rest the hopes of mankind. Permit me to propose the following sentiment :—

“BUNKER HILL, and the holy resistance to oppression which has already enfranchised the American hemisphere, the next half century jubilee's toast shall be : to *enfranchised Europe*.

R.W. Past Grand Master, John T. Heard moved the acceptance of the apron and papers, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Brother Whiston, in the words following :—

REMARKS OF R. W. JOHN T. HEARD, ON THE ACCEPTANCE
OF THE LAFAYETTE APRON.

Most Worshipful :—

I claim the pleasure of moving that this priceless gift be heartily received by us, and our warmest thanks be presented to the donor of it.

Though a school-boy, I remember vividly the two visits of Lafayette to Boston, one in 1824, the other in 1825. The first occurred on a beautiful morning in August. The enthusiasm of the people on his reception on Boston Neck knew no bounds. The entire avenue from Boston to Roxbury was lined with an excited multitude. The roar of cannon from Boston Common, from “Dorchester Heights” and from other points, added to

the excitement of the occasion. His person, as I recollect it, is faithfully represented by the portrait in the south-west corner of this hall. On the line of procession from Roxbury to the State House in Boston were displayed, as decorations, flags of every country, and triumphal arches were erected from point to point, bearing appropriate mottoes. One of them I remember well; it was —

“ We bow not the neck, we bend not the knee,
But our hearts, Lafayette, we surrender to thee.”

During the succeeding ten months the “Nation’s Guest,” as Lafayette was warmly characterized, visited nearly every important city in what was then the United States. His reception everywhere was a spontaneous outbreak of gratitude for one who had been a nation’s helper in the time of a nation’s need. It must be remembered that in those days the facilities we enjoy of travelling by railroad did not exist; hence it will appear that his extended journey required much time, and must have been toilsome, to one of his age, in no small degree.

In June, 1825, he returned to Boston for the purpose of assisting at the laying of the corner-stone of the Bunker-Hill Monument. On the morning of the 17th June he visited the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was received by that Body in a manner becoming his distinguished character as a Mason and public man.

Of course, I shall never forget the occasion of laying the corner-stone of that memorial. The day was warm and pleasant, enabling thousands upon thousands to witness the ceremonies. To me, the Masonic portion of the pageant won my admiration, though, perhaps, I felt a little of *awe* as I beheld it.

The toast of Lafayette, which has been read, I remember distinctly. It made at the time an impression upon my mind

which has never been effaced. At one time, in 1848, I thought that the prediction in it was to be fully realized. Politics in Europe then seemed to point to "enfranchised Europe;" but the half century has passed without its realization. Doubtless there has been a preparation within the last fifty years among the masses for republican forms of government, but the form is, with one exception, still wanting.

Again, Most Worshipful, I move the thanks of this Grand Lodge, as I have proposed.

The motion was seconded by R. W. William S. Gardner, and passed by unanimous vote.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE APRON OWNED AND WORN
BY GENERAL JOSEPH WARREN, PAST GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Master submitted the following statement to the Grand Lodge:—

A short time since I learned that the apron worn and owned by our illustrious Past Grand Master Major-General Joseph Warren, was worn by our late Brother Capt. Josiah Sturgis at the laying of the corner-stone of the Washington Monument at the National Capital.

In his address before a large multitude of Brethren and others assembled on that occasion, and previous to the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone, the Grand Master of the District of Columbia alluded to this apron in the following words (he himself wearing the apron which had belonged to Washington):—

"This grand and imposing assemblage is, at this moment, graced and honored with the presence of the Royal Arch apron, owned and worn by General Joseph Warren, who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill, the first heroic martyr of high rank who poured out his blood in the cause of American liberty.

“General Warren was Grand Master of Masons in America. The apron to which I have alluded is now in the possession of a worthy Brother of the Craft, who has journeyed from Boston to this city to join in these ceremonies, and has brought with him that sacred relic of the past, that the name of Warren, immortalized by his patriotism, his valor, and his early but glorious death, might be associated here in the never-to-be-forgotten ceremonies of this day, with the name of Washington. Wreath them together in your memories, my Brethren, in an unfading chaplet, and wear them in your hearts!”

This apron was presented by the heirs of General Warren to Hon. Benjamin Russell, who was not only a very active and zealous Mason, — having held the high position of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge for three years, — but one of the most prominent men in New England. He was editor of the “Columbian Centinel,” a semi-weekly newspaper, which under his control was for forty years one of the most influential organs of the federal party in New England. He repeatedly represented Boston in both branches of the State Legislature, and was for one or two terms a member of the Executive Council. Past Grand Master Russell presented this apron to Captain Josiah Sturgis, who for some years commanded the United States Revenue Cutter stationed at this port. On examining the will of Brother Sturgis, at the Probate Court, I found the following paragraph (my object being to procure this apron for the Grand Lodge if possible): “I will and bequeath to the heirs of the Honorable Benjamin Russell, a Royal Arch Mason’s apron, formerly his property, to be by them presented to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts if they deem it necessary so to do.”

There are now living two heirs of R.W. Brother Benjamin Russell, both daughters well advanced in life.

And now, Brethren, in their name and in their behalf, I present to the Grand Lodge this priceless relic, to be forever preserved in its archives.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson moved the acceptance of the apron, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, as follows: —

REMARKS OF R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON, ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE WARREN APRON.

Most Worshipful Grand Master: —

You have indeed most fitly described this memento of Joseph Warren as a priceless relic. We may well regard it almost with awe and reverence. Most wisely has it been carefully preserved hitherto, and most appropriately is it now committed to the care of the Grand Lodge, the successor of that Body over which he so faithfully and honorably presided for the five years previous to his death. Under the authority of a commission from the Grand Master of Scotland, appointing him Provincial Grand Master for Boston, and within one hundred miles of the same, he organized the Massachusetts Grand Lodge on the day of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27, 1769. In 1772, by the same authority, his jurisdiction was extended over all North America. During General Warren's administration forty Communications of the Grand Lodge were held, and he presided at all but four. The records of St. Andrew's and Massachusetts Lodges show that he was also a frequent visitor at their meetings, both officially and otherwise. Such regularity and constancy prove his interest in our Fraternity as well as his conscientious fidelity to duty. We shall be more strongly impressed with this idea when we consider that he was surrounded by a young family,

engaged in a large and growing practice as a physician, an active member of the numerous organizations then springing up for the protection of the liberties of the people, such as the Committee of Safety, the Committee of Correspondence, the Sons of Liberty, etc., a frequent orator on anniversary occasions and at town meetings, a constant contributor to the columns of the press, and engaged in active correspondence with the leading men in all the thirteen colonies. When we consider the pressing nature of these various duties, and the admirable manner in which he discharged them all, we cannot fail to be filled with wonder and gratitude that he should find time and inclination for the performance of so much Masonic labor, and has thus shed lustre upon the annals of the Fraternity. Of that noble band of patriots none was more ardently loved and admired, and when he laid down his young life upon the field of Bunker Hill all the people mourned. To this day, of the many who thought it sweet and glorious to die for their country in that almost hopeless struggle, the memory of not one is more tenderly and lovingly cherished. We share with our countrymen in these emotions, but as Masons we love, and honor and mourn our noble and zealous Grand Master. To us anything that he had touched or worn, and especially that emblem of innocence, the badge of a Mason, which he had so carefully preserved and so dignified and adorned, is more precious than rubies. Let us lay it up with our most cherished archives, and whenever we look upon it let us remember with pride and gratitude the truly Masonic virtues of him who wore it.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that this relic be accepted with gratitude, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the donors.

R.W. John T. Heard seconded the resolution in the words following: —

REMARKS OF R.W. JOHN T. HEARD, ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE WARREN APRON.

Most Worshipful:—

I beg to second the motion of R.W. Brother Nickerson, and do so with my whole heart. So valuable, priceless a gift deserves the warmest thanks of this Grand Lodge to the givers.

The evidence which accompanies the apron, that it belonged to and was worn by Brother Joseph Warren, is ample and needs no confirmation. If additional testimony were needed to establish its identity and validity, it would be found in the emblems which adorn it. They are those of the Royal Arch degree,—a degree recognized, in 1769, only by members of our fraternity in America with whom Warren was especially affiliated.

It will be remembered that for more than half a century previous to 1813 there existed in England two Grand Lodges which did not fraternize, to say the least; one was distinguished (by its rival) as “Moderns,” the other as “Ancients.” The latter created the Royal Arch degree.

At the same time, in this country, there were two Grand Lodges, the “Saint John’s” and the “Massachusetts”; the former being classed as “Moderns,” the latter as “Ancients.” The “Ancients” recognized the Royal Arch degree created by the “Ancients” in England, while “Saint John’s” did not recognize it. The relations of these two bodies were not more harmonious than those subsisting between the two Grand Lodges in England; that is, they did not unite socially.

Warren’s Grand Lodge (Massachusetts), though it derived its powers from Scotland, passed into the ranks of the “Ancients,” because, probably the Grand Lodge of Scotland sympathized, as is written, with the Grand Lodge of “Ancients” of England.

It was natural that the Grand Lodge on this side of the ocean, whose members were classed as "Ancients," should adopt and maintain the Royal Arch degree; and that its insignia should have been worn by them. The apron of Warren would, therefore, bear the emblems of this degree, since it denoted the highest rank of the branch of the Masonic fraternity to which he was attached.

In view of these facts it seems to me that the valuable relic which we have received carries in itself strong circumstantial evidence that it was a part, at least, of the Masonic regalia of Joseph Warren, which adorned his person at the time he was Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

I again most heartily second the motion presented for the action of the Grand Lodge, and trust that the gift will be well secured from destruction by *fire*.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

R.W. William S. Gardner submitted the following remarks and motion:—

REMARKS OF R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER, ON MOVING
THAT AN ANNUITY BE GRANTED TO THE DONORS
OF THE WARREN APRON.

Most Worshipful:—

The Royal Arch apron which has been presented this day brings us into close and personal relations with the distinguished Brother who in his lifetime was accustomed to wear it. The Royal Arch in former times was recognized as a part of the Masonic system, according to the "Antients." In those days there was no distinct Charter for conferring this and its associated degrees; the Body was called a Royal Arch Lodge, and it was held under the sanction of a Lodge Warrant. The Charter of St. Andrew's Lodge was used here in Boston,

for this purpose. Warren received the grade by virtue of the sanction of St. Andrew's Charter. As late as 1790 this Lodge voted "that the Royal Arch Lodge be indulged with the use of the Charter of St. Andrew's Lodge as long as the majority of the members of the Royal Arch Lodge are members of St. Andrew's Lodge." The order of Knights Templars was also conferred under the same sanction. This apron is therefore a relic, not of a Masonic organization unknown to the Lodge, but of a Lodge held by virtue, and under the protection, of a Lodge Warrant. This Grand Lodge for three quarters of a century has carefully preserved a lock of Washington's hair. It has now had confided to its safe-keeping the apron of Warren. These two illustrious names are associated with our country's history. They are dear to us as Masons, and let us hope that these two relics may continue for centuries to remind our successors in this Grand Lodge of the virtues, courage and patriotism of George Washington and Joseph Warren.

Most Worshipful Sir, I arose for the special purpose of making a motion. I have been informed that the ladies who have so kindly given to the Grand Lodge this apron, might, with propriety, become honored beneficiaries of the Grand Lodge. They are daughters of Past Grand Master Benjamin Russell, who was a man of great influence and high position in public life in his generation. It would seem, therefore, that the order I submit should receive the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That an annuity of one hundred dollars be paid to each of the daughters of Past Grand Master Benjamin Russell, Mrs. Charlotte L. Wheelwright and Miss Henrietta M. Russell, to be paid by the Grand Treasurer on the seventeenth day of June in each year, during their respective lives.

The order, being duly seconded, was passed by unanimous vote.

R.W. Benjamin Dean submitted the following report on the death of Brother Eben F. Gay : —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF GRAND
TYLER, BROTHER EBEN F. GAY.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 9, 1875.

Our deceased Brother Eben Flagg Gay was installed as Grand Tyler on the 27th of December, 1855, and for each year thereafter until 1872. He was again installed in the same office December 29, 1874, for the year 1875. After a long Masonic life he died with his sword in hand.

Brother Gay was an excellent example of the beneficent teachings of our Institution in one of its most important features. He had great kindness of heart, and was ready to wear himself out in good works for others. He had great geniality of manner, which made him an excellent companion. He was not deficient in any of those traits which made the hearts of those who knew him well yearn towards him. But, while not deficient in other qualities, his great characteristic was that truly Masonic virtue, fidelity.

If there is any virtue which Masonry peculiarly inculcates, it is fidelity, faithfulness, truth. Its possession gives courage, manliness and honor in all our dealings with our fellow-men.

Let the teachings of the Lodge in this respect have their perfect work, and this virtue becomes so developed in the members of our society, that it pervades all the dealings of the individual Brother and becomes a part of his very nature.

This was the case with Brother Gay. His faithfulness in every trust made his services desired by everybody, and his love of Masonry attracted the attention of those holding the patronage of our Society.

As he opened the doors of earthly Lodges to the true and

faithful, may we not hope that his truth and faithfulness will assure the opening to him of that grandest of all Lodges, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary find rest.

BENJAMIN DEAN,

WILLIAM W. THOMES,

JOSEPH B. MASON,

Committee.

The report was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

The Committee on Ritual submitted their report of the work and lectures of the second degree, and on motion of R.W. Henry Chickering, the ritual as set forth by the committee was unanimously adopted as the work and lectures of this degree for all Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever presented the report of the committee appointed to consider the propriety of appointing a Board of Trials, or a Masonic Commission to conduct Masonic Trials.

REPORT ON A COMMISSION FOR MASONIC TRIALS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

June 9, 1875.

The committee to whom was referred at the last Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, the following vote, viz. :

“ *Voted*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting some plan whereby all

Masonic trials shall be had before some Board or Commission of the Grand Lodge," have given the subject-matter entrusted to them such attention as it has been in their power to bestow, and respectfully report : —

That even a superficial consideration of the subject leads at once to certain fundamental principles, which are never to be disregarded, even in the farthest expansion of methods or instrumentalities. It is obvious that the end and object of a Masonic trial is to secure the accomplishment of strict Masonic justice between the parties to the issue ; not always the justice which is sought by litigants under civil, military or ecclesiastical law, — not the rude judgment which has its foundation in that which is sometimes rather loosely called natural justice, but the justice which is founded upon the large, the comprehensive and benevolent principles of Masonic wisdom and philosophy. More strictly considered, such a trial is to ascertain whether the accused is, or is not, worthy to retain his honorable connection with the whole Fraternity of honorable Masons, or whether, by reason of accusations properly made and legally proved, that connection is to be severed or suspended. These observations, of course, apply solely to the class of offences which form, or which certainly should form, the basis of a trial, or of such an investigation and judgment as shall rightfully dissolve the Masonic connection of the respondent with the Fraternity. Doubtless there may be certain minor faults or peccadilloes, which, when duly proved against a member of a Lodge, may suffice, in the estimation of his Brethren, to suspend or to terminate his connection with the Lodge as a member. But the crimes, or the acts, committed by a Mason which are of sufficient obliquity to sever the bond by which the entire Fraternity have been bound to him, and he to them, are those for which he is to be Masonically tried and sentenced ; and to this class of offences, not only the

best principles, but the best methods, are to be applied. It may therefore be assumed, without indicating all the steps leading to this conclusion, that the entire Fraternity of the jurisdiction is directly interested in all the processes and results of the trial of one of its members ; and that the Lodge to which he may happen to belong is only interested as an integral part of the Fraternity. By the common law of Masonry in this country, no less than by the Constitutions of the different jurisdictions, the severance of the connection of the criminal from the entire Body is to be adjudged or determined by that Body organically through the decree and direction of its Grand Lodge. Accordingly we find that by our own constitutional enactments, although the trial of an offender is primarily had before the Lodge of which he is a member, or which has jurisdiction over him as a sojourner, yet the Grand Lodge itself is his ultimate and effective trier, because, as a Court of last resort, it determines the case. This brings us, then, to the consideration of the question, whether the present methods of what may be properly called the preliminary trial by the Lodge, are practically the wisest and most judicious for the good of the whole. The experience of the past few years should be carefully considered in the determination of a question like this. Owing to causes which need not here be mentioned, the recent unparalleled growth of the Fraternity has, by its natural consequences, involved the Lodges in a somewhat heterogeneous membership, a class of which has given rise to more numerous Masonic trials than any former experience afforded. Under the present system, and under the regulations of the Constitutions, these trials have been conducted by the Lodges. Many of the cases have been tried under a limited knowledge of the principles involved, and by methods which could not secure the approbation of the Grand Lodge. The proceedings in many of them have been accordingly set aside after a careful

review of the records by which they were presented. In many cases, even where the proceedings have been confirmed, the Grand Lodge has been obliged to tread upon the very verge of Masonic justice and propriety, for the purpose of sustaining against informal and irregular methods what seemed to be a just *conclusion* of its subordinate. It is no disparagement to the Masonic skill or character of the masters or members of Lodges, to say that they are generally unfitted, by previous education and training, to conduct a trial, the intricacies of which may often demand a full knowledge of the principles and methods of administration of the Masonic law. Nor can it be reasonably expected that the Secretary of a Lodge, coming, perhaps, to his first experience in this line of duty, should possess such a degree of the requisite skill as will enable him to present an adequate and accurate record of the trial. This record must exhibit such a case as will enable the Grand Lodge itself to form an intelligent opinion and to issue its final decree; and should be such as will suffice, for generations to come, to vindicate the Grand Lodge in its judgment. In spite of the marked care and laborious diligence with which the Secretaries of Lodges have endeavored to make up their records of trials, many of these records have proved insufficient under the tests of the Masonic law, and scarcely one of them has been perfect. Experience has farther shown that trials by Lodges have often engendered bitter feelings among the members; that cliques and parties, favorable and unfavorable to the respondent, have been formed, and that, whatever may have been the result of the trial, a sting has been left behind in many breasts, and that the old harmonies have perhaps not yet been restored. The stifling air of an all-night session has left not alone its deleterious influence upon the bodies of the Brethren, but in some instances has poisoned their minds and hearts. The result of a trial obtained under such disad-

vantages has often afforded little satisfaction to either of the contending parties, or to the Fraternity as a whole. Before a tribunal which, under the usual circumstances of a trial and its probabilities, must be considered more free and impartial than a Lodge, the evils to which we have referred may be avoided, or at least reduced to the minimum of mischief. Your committee, while weighing carefully the various considerations applicable to the subject, and especially looking to the experience of recent years as a guide to just conclusions, have thought that it may be more wise and judicious to have all *charges* of Masonic offences in this jurisdiction, tried by the Grand Lodge itself. It is at once obvious that no such trial can be had directly before the whole body assembled in Grand Communication. It should therefore be conducted by a Board or Commission of members of the Grand Lodge, appointed by the Grand Master for their qualifications and adaptation to such labor, which Board would, of course, for all preliminary trials, such as the Lodges now conduct, be the eyes and the ears of the Grand Lodge, its direct and immediate representative. Such a Board, for effective and practical work should consist of not more than five members, and one of them should be its President and Recording Officer. A full and accurate report of each trial should be made by the President, to be filed in the archives of the Recording Grand Secretary, *in perpetuum memoriam*. A succinct report of each case should be made, and every case should be passed upon by the Grand Lodge, which should make the final decree or judgment, as is now provided in the trials by Lodges. The Grand Lodge, in its Quarterly Communications, would thus exercise its powers as a Court of Appeals, as at present. Three of the commissioners should constitute a quorum of the Board, and should concur in any finding or sentence.

Inasmuch as expense would necessarily be incurred in trials

before the commissioners, and as the duties of the President would be arduous and absorptive of time, your committee are of the opinion that he should be paid a reasonable sum for his services, while the other commissioners would doubtless serve without compensation.

It will be observed that this plan of trials changes nothing inherent in our system, as regards the principles upon which a respondent is to be tried. Indeed, it scarcely changes the methods of trial. The preliminary forum, alone, is different; the men who act as triers are not the same, but they are nevertheless Masons and members of the Grand Lodge; not partakers in the passions or prejudices which may be engendered among the members of Lodges, on the one side or the other, but removed from and above them; free, yet bound to try every Brother fairly, independently, justly and charitably. If a change like this were to operate as a change of any principle or landmark in Masonry, your committee, appreciating the great advantages of stability in our Fraternity, would hesitate long before recommending such change. But from a change of mere methods or instrumentalities, the genius of Masonry, ever open to the progress of the ages, is not averse. We travel by steam and horse-car to our Lodges, and build our temples under the blazing illumination of gas-light, while our fathers, of but a generation back, rode bareback to their meetings, and laid every brick of their work under the feeble glimmer of a tallow-candle. If we can discern a better way of doing what was always and now is a desirable or necessary thing to do, but what has been done in an imperfect way, we shall remove no true landmark of Masonry by choosing the better way.

In order to accomplish in practice the views of your committee, if the Grand Lodge should concur in these views, it will be necessary to amend the Grand Constitutions, Article 4th.

Your committee have recast the article, and herewith present it in the form of a new article, entitled Article 4th ; embracing the subject of trials, to be substituted for the present regulations.

Having thus briefly stated their views upon this important matter, your committee respectfully commend them to the careful consideration of the Grand Lodge.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
BENJAMIN DEAN,
EDWIN WRIGHT,
WARREN B. ELLIS,
JOHN H. ROBERTS,
Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV. OF THE GRAND
CONSTITUTIONS.

ARTICLE IV. .

TRIALS, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SECTION I. The Grand Master shall annually appoint a Board of five members of the Grand Lodge, to be styled the *Commissioners of Trials*. The first named of said Board shall be the president and recording officer thereof, and three members shall constitute a quorum. Whenever a member of a Lodge, or a Brother under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offence, which, if proved, would subject him to expulsion or suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules :—

1. The accusation shall be made in writing, with specifications of the offence, under the signature of a Master Mason, and given in charge to the President of the Board, who, under direction of the Board, shall cause the accused to be served with

an attested copy of the charges, together with a summons to appear within twenty days from the date of said summons, and make such answer to the charges as he may desire. Such appearance may be made in person before the President, or by filing an answer in writing with the President. If the residence of the accused be out of the Commonwealth, or unknown, the commissioners may proceed to examine the charges *ex parte*; but if known, and out of the Commonwealth, a summons shall be sent him, by mail or otherwise, sixty days, at least, before the time appointed for his appearance. The service and the return thereof shall be according to regulations to be made by the commissioners, and when so made, shall be conclusive.

2. The examination of the charges shall be had at some convenient place and time, to be designated by the commissioners, of which due notice shall be given, and no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses. Unless otherwise ordered by the commissioners, the testimony may be taken by the President, who shall reduce the same to writing, to be submitted to the Board. Witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such. Other witnesses shall be duly sworn before their testimony is taken.

3. Any Brother may appear as counsel in support of, or in opposition to, the charges, before the President during the taking of the testimony, and before the commissioners in the argument of the cause.

4. A full record of the proceedings in each case shall be made by the President, to be transmitted to the Recording Grand Secretary, by him to be placed on file. A succinct report of each case shall also be made, embracing in substance the action of the commissioners thereon, including the sentence, if any, imposed upon the respondent, which, if approved, shall stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge. The finding of the

commissioners shall be conclusive as to matters of fact, but their doings in other respects, in each case tried before them, shall be subject to correction or review by the Grand Lodge, who may order a new trial, or otherwise dispose of the case.

SECTION II. Any five members of a Lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, may impeach the Master of said Lodge before the Grand Master, who shall order an investigation of the charges; and if, in his opinion, they are well founded and of a character to justify the proceeding, he may suspend the delinquent and summon him to appear before the commissioners for trial. The foregoing rules, as far as the same shall be applicable, shall be observed in the trial of a Master of a Lodge before the commissioners.

SECTION III. The President of the commissioners shall receive for his services and for necessary expenses in each case, such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine and allow, upon the certificate and recommendation of the commissioners therein.

SECTION IV. Whenever a complaint against a member of a Lodge shall be presented to the commissioners, the Lodge of which he is a member shall, prior to the time appointed for the trial of the complaint, deposit with the President of the Board the sum of fifty dollars toward defraying the expenses of such trial, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Master. In case of complaints against unaffiliated Masons, the commissioners shall make such order in regard to the expenses of the trial as they shall deem just.

SECTION V. An expulsion or suspension of a Brother from a Royal Arch Chapter or a Commandery of Knights Templars, shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from Masonry, or from the Lodge of which he is a member.

SECTION VI. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall expel or suspend a member from the rights of Masonry.

The report was accepted, and the proposed amendment referred to R.W. William S. Gardner, Sereno D. Nickerson and Edward Avery.

The Committee on Ritual presented their report on the work and lectures of the third degree ; and on motion of R.W. Henry Chickering the report was unanimously adopted as the ritual of this Grand Lodge for the work and lectures of the third degree.

Voted, That the Committee on Ritual be continued until further ordered by the Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the Committee on Ritual be instructed to consider the propriety of preparing a Masonic Trestle Board for the use of the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Voted, That the Committee on Ritual be instructed to communicate (orally) the work and lectures of the three degrees as now adopted by the Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lecturers, and to such other officers of the Grand Lodge and Masters of Lodges as may apply for the same.

The committee to whom had been referred the proposed amendments to the Grand Constitutions, submitted their report as follows: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE
GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

. IN THE GRAND LODGE, June 9, 1875.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge: —

The committee, to whom certain amendments to the Grand Constitutions were referred at the last Quarterly Communication, respectfully report as the result of their deliberations: —

That while the committee favor the design of the proposition to amend Section 17, Article VIII., Part I., in lieu of the present form of the proposition, they submit the following amendment: —

Amend Part I., Article VIII., Section 17, by striking out the words, “before the Grand Lodge, on the Thursday following the Annual Communication in December in each year,” and substitute therefor the words “at such times and in such places as the Grand Master shall direct,” and by making such minor changes in the phraseology that the section will then read, “Three Past Masters shall be annually appointed Grand Lecturers, whose duty it shall be to exemplify, for the benefit of the Brethren generally, the work and lectures of the several degrees at such times and in such places as the Grand Master shall direct.”

In the judgment of the committee, the proposed amendment to Section 10, Article VIII., Part I., ought not to pass. The adoption of the amendment recommended by the committee will afford ample opportunity for the District Deputy Grand Masters to hold exemplifications of the work and lectures of the degrees without any actual compulsion, which would be found at times positively inexpedient and burdensome.

The committee recommend the adoption of the proposition to amend Part I., Article II., Section 1, by changing the rank of the Grand Officers after W. Grand Marshal, so as to conform to the following order: —

14. W. Grand Lecturers.
15. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
16. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
17. W. Grand Stewards.
18. W. Grand Sword-Bearer.

19. W. Grand Standard-Bearer.

20. W. Grand Pursuivants.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,

WILLIAM F. ANNABLE,

L. CUSHING KIMBALL,

Committee.

The report was accepted. The recommendation of the committee to amend Part I., Article II., Section 1, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The amendment of Part I., Article VIII., Section 17, proposed by the committee as a substitute for the amendment which had been referred to them, was referred to R.W. William S. Gardner, Sereno D. Nickerson and Edward Avery.

R.W. John McClellan moved that five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity, and the motion prevailed.

Grand Master Bassett, of Kansas, before retiring from the Grand Lodge, spoke of the pleasure he had enjoyed in being present at this Communication of the Grand Lodge, and commended the methods of business and character of the work he had witnessed. He was conducted from the hall with due honor, the Brethren all rising.

The Committee on By-Laws made report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, June 9, 1875.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members : —

The Committee on By-Laws have examined amendments to By-Laws, submitted by Zetland Lodge, of Boston ; Charles H. Titus Lodge, of Taunton ; Palestine Lodge, of Everett and St. John's Lodge, of Newburyport, and recommend their approval ; also the amendment to By-Laws of Social Harmony Lodge, of Wareham, with some slight changes made by the committee.

The full codes submitted by
St. Alban's Lodge, of Foxboro,
John T. Heard Lodge, of Ipswich,
Roswell Lee Lodge, of Springfield,
Baalbec Lodge, of East Boston,
Mount Moriah Lodge, of Westfield,

have received the careful attention of the committee, and many changes have been made to bring them in accord with the Constitutions and regulations of the M.W. Grand Lodge. These changes have been made after consultation with officers or representatives of the several Lodges, and are acceptable to them. None of the codes contain description of seal, as required by regulations of the Grand Lodge.

With the changes made by the committee, and description of seal being furnished, we recommend the approval of the five full codes.

In conclusion, the committee cannot refrain from calling the attention of the Lodges and members of the Craft, having in charge the preparation of full codes or amendments to By-Laws, to the regulations relating to By-Laws adopted by the M.W. Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Meeting in June, 1873. Careful

conformity to those regulations will save much trouble to the Lodge and the examining committee.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,

Committee.

The committee to whom was referred a communication relating to Masonic insurance, submitted the following report :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC INSURANCE.

BOSTON, June 8, 1875.

To the M. W. Grand Master and members of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :—

At the last Quarterly Meeting, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to consider the following petition :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :—

The undersigned respectfully petitions that the M. W. Grand Lodge consider the expediency of recognizing, and regulating, or exercising a suitable supervision over such co-operative Life Insurance Associations as have been, or may be, established within the body of Freemasonry, and the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of ensuring a better protection of the rights of individual Brethren, who may unite themselves therewith.

BENJAMIN POPE,

Prest. of Eastern Mass. Mutual Relief Association.

In the discharge of our duty we have given the petitioner a hearing, and have carefully considered the subject in all its bearings.

We find that the Legislature of Massachusetts by acts, passed in 1874 and 1875, evidently attempted to provide security by law for associations of the character mentioned, and that there is nothing in the Constitutions of this M.W. Grand Lodge to prevent Masonic Mutual Relief Associations from availing themselves of the provisions of said acts.

We also find that our Grand Constitutions provide ample protection for Masons in their several relations to the Craft in general, to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers.

We therefore report that it is inexpedient to take further action on the petition.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,

ELIJAH W. BURR,

CHARLES D. ANNABLE,

Committee.

The report was accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Albert F. Kelley from the ruling of the W. Master of John Cutler Lodge, in the case set forth in the appeal, made report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE APPEAL OF A. F.
KELLEY.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 9, 1875.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother A. F. Kelley from the ruling of the W.M. of John Cutler Lodge, have attended to that duty, and find the circumstances to be the following:—

John Mann, 3d, was proposed for the degrees April 27, 1874. A committee of investigation was appointed, and every member

of the Lodge was notified that John Mann, 3d, was to be balloted for. The committee reported favorably, May 25th, and he was elected. June 29th, objections were made in writing by a member, to the effect that, "if there had been a full meeting of the Lodge the candidate could not have been elected;" also, "that a *majority* of the members are opposed to Mr. Mann's receiving the degrees," and asking that a new ballot be ordered.

The W.M. appointed a committee of three to investigate the objections, and July 27th a majority of the committee reported that the objections were not sustained. The Lodge voted to accept this report. At a meeting held three months later, Oct, 19th, the W.M. ordered a new ballot. Brother Kelley moved that the first three officers of the Lodge be a committee to present the case to the Grand Lodge, and ask for a decision. The W.M. declared the motion out of order. A ballot was taken and John Mann, 3d, was declared rejected. These are the facts.

The committee feel that, although a candidate should be stopped at any time in his progress in Masonry, if sufficient cause is shown, and that the burden of proof should rest upon the candidate, and not upon the Lodge, in all cases, still that a candidate for the degrees has some rights which a Lodge is bound to respect.

The committee consider that these fundamental principles of Masonic law and usage were fully satisfied by the appointment of this second committee of investigation, and that their report when accepted by the Lodge should be final, and that a *second* ballot was a violation of Masonic law, especially under the circumstances which followed. That the only effect it could have was to give an individual an opportunity to attain his purpose by the blackball, which he could not or would not obtain by a statement of facts before the second committee of investigation.

In other words, it simply furnished an opportunity to gratify personal pique.

We therefore (fully aware of the weighty responsibility resting upon us in a case like the present) recommend that the appeal of Brother Kelley be sustained by this Grand Lodge, and that the ruling of the W.M. of John Cutler Lodge, ordering a second ballot, be declared null and void.

CHARLES C. DAME,
THOMAS WATERMAN,
CHRISTOPHER W. DYER,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Charters made report as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

IN THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

June 9, 1875.

The Committee on Charters respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the By-Laws, Records, and accompanying documents, presented by Norfolk Lodge, of Needham, and Cochichewick Lodge, of North Andover, now working under Dispensation, and find them to be in accordance with the Grand Constitutions, and Masonic usage.

All dues having been paid to the Grand Lodge, your committee would recommend that charters be issued to Norfolk and Cochichewick Lodges, as prayed for.

IVORY H. POPE,
WILLIAM J. STEVENS,
WILLIAM R. WILSON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, the recommendations adopted, and charters were granted to Norfolk Lodge, Needham, and Cochichewick Lodge, North Andover.

The Committee on Trials, the Committee on Charter of St. John's Lodge, and the Committee on Status of Standing Committees in Grand Lodge, were granted further time.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at forty minutes past seven o'clock P. M.

Prayer was offered by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest,

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, A. L. 5875.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, on Thursday, the seventeenth day of June, A. L. 5875, A. D. 1875, for the purpose of solemnizing the one hundredth anniversary of the death of our illustrious Past Grand Master, Major General Joseph Warren.

PRESENT:

M.W. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	" " "
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W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES . . .	as Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock, A. M., and proceeded to the place assigned to this ancient organization in the great military and civic procession of the day, in accordance with the invitation of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, and the municipal authorities of the city of Boston.

While waiting for the procession to move, the Grand Master was very courteously invited by Mr. Charles Merriam to enter his mansion-house on Beacon street, with his officers, and partake of the rich and generous collation he had provided.

This courtesy was very highly appreciated and enjoyed by the Grand Lodge, and on motion of R.W. William S. Gardner, seconded by R.W. John T. Heard, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Mr. Charles Merriam for his thoughtful kindness in opening his mansion-house, 263 Beacon street, to the Grand Master, on the 17th instant; and especially for the hospitable reception given to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge on that occasion.

The Brethren were assigned to carriages, right in front, as follows : —

First Carriage.

M.W. Grand Master PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, wearing the apron owned and worn by Past Grand Master MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH WARREN, with his autograph upon it.

R.W. Acting Deputy Grand Master WINSLOW LEWIS, M.D., wearing the apron worn by GENERAL LAFAYETTE at the laying of the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill Monument, June 17, 1825.

Second Carriage.

R.W. Senior Grand Warden WILLIAM J. SAWIN, M.D.

R.W. Junior Grand Warden LUCIUS W. LOVELL.

R.W. Grand Treasurer JOHN MCCLELLAN.

R.W. Recording Grand Secretary CHARLES H. TITUS.

Third Carriage.

R.W. Past Grand Master JOHN T. HEARD.

R.W. Past Grand Master WILLIAM S. GARDNER.

R.W. Past Grand Master SERENO D. NICKERSON.

R.W. Past Grand Warden GENERAL SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE.

Fourth Carriage.

R.W. Past Grand Master WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE.

R.W. Past Grand Master HON. CHARLES C. DAME.

R.W. Past Deputy Grand Master ABRAHAM A. DAME.

Fifth Carriage.

R.W. Past Grand Warden HON. WILLIAM F. SALMON.

R.W. Past Grand Warden IVORY H. POPE.

W. Grand Marshal WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN.

Brother FRANCIS C. WHISTON, who presented the Lafayette apron to the Grand Lodge, was invited to occupy a seat in this carriage.

After passing over the route of the procession, more than six miles in length, the Grand Master, with the Grand officers and members who accompanied him, returned from Bunker Hill to a building on Union street, now occupying the site of the old Green Dragon Tavern, a place made eminent a century ago by the Masonic Communications there

held, where, by the courteous and generous invitation of the Lodge of Saint Andrew, they participated in a bounteous collation which had been provided by this Lodge, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the death of their Past Master Joseph Warren. To this banquet they had invited the officers and members of the De Molay and Richmond Commanderies of Knight Templars, who, with the Lodge of St. Andrew and the Grand Lodge, formed an assembly of Masons of exceeding interest and well befitting the special occasion they had met to commemorate.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master Charles A. Welch, and several of the Past Grand Masters, fittingly responded to the complimentary toasts which called them up, and heartily joined with their Brother Masons of Massachusetts in extending the warm right hand of fellowship to their Brother Masons of Virginia.

At fifteen minutes past seven o'clock, P. M., here, on the old site of the Green Dragon Tavern, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest :

Charles H. Titus,
Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

SATURDAY, July 3, A. L. 5875.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held on Saturday, the third day of July, A. L. 5875, A. D. 1875, for the purpose of commemorating the centennial celebration of that day, when our illustrious Brother General George Washington, under the old Elm at Cambridge, assumed command of the Colonial Forces, soon to become, under his generalship, the Army of the United States.

PRESENT:

M.W. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. IVORY H. POPE . . .	" " "
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
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R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 2.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . .	" " District No. 17.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. GEORGE H. FOLGER . . .	Grand Standard-Bearer.

W. TRUE SCALES	W.M. of Amicable Lodge.
W. GEORGE E. RYDER	W.M. of Mizpah Lodge.
W. FRANCIS M. MASON	W.M. of Charity Lodge.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	as Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in **AMPLE FORM**, in Grand Lodge Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, at ten o'clock, A. M.

By order of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

The Grand Master, with the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, proceeded in carriages to Lyceum Hall, Cambridge, as guests of the municipal authorities of the city, and were welcomed by His Honor the Mayor, W. Brother Isaac Bradford.

Here a procession was formed of the many eminent representative men who had accepted the invitation to unite with the city authorities in fitly celebrating the day, the Grand Lodge being assigned a position next to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, and was conducted to a tent on the common, near the historic old elm, under which Washington first drew his sword as Commander-in-Chief of the army.

In the tent, after music and prayer, a poem was read by James Russell Lowell, and an oration delivered by Rev. Augustus P. Peabody, D. D., both of great ability and well befitting the occasion.

At the close of the services in the tent, the Grand Lodge joined again in procession, and was conducted to Memorial Hall, Harvard College, where a banquet had been provided for the citizens and their guests.

Here his Honor the Mayor presided, as he had done during the services in the tent, and at the conclusion of the repast called upon Judge Sanger, our R.W. Corresponding Grand Secretary, to act as toast-master.

The first toast — WASHINGTON — was responded to by a dirge from the band, the company all standing with bowed heads.

To the second toast, — THE UNITED STATES, — Hon. George S. Boutwell, United States Senator from Massachusetts, responded.

The third toast was — MASSACHUSETTS, — and to this His Excellency the Governor, Brother William Gaston, responded.

Hon. Josiah Quincy spoke to the fourth toast, — THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES.

To the next toast, — THE ARMY AND NAVY, — General, Judge and Brother Charles Devens, responded.

President Eliot spoke eloquently for HARVARD COLLEGE, the next toast, when THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was given as the 6th regular

toast. The M.W. Grand Master responded as follows : —

REMARKS OF THE GRAND MASTER AT MEMORIAL HALL,
CAMBRIDGE, IN RESPONSE TO THE TOAST, "THE GRAND
LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS."

The Society of Freemasonry feels a deep interest in everything relating to the memory of Washington, for he in his lifetime was a friend and patron of our Society, and one of its most honored and revered members. The year after he was born Freemasonry was established at Boston by the Warrant of Viscount Montague, then Grand Master of England.

Benjamin Franklin, then residing at Philadelphia, derived his powers to establish the Society in Pennsylvania, from Boston, and became Grand Master of that State. In 1752, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, George Washington, as the record now in existence attests, was initiated into the Fraternity in a Lodge organized by the warrant of Thomas Oxnard, of Boston, Provincial Grand Master.

In those early days of the Society's existence in America, it had won the respect and regard of all good citizens. Governor Belcher was one of its prominent and influential members, and both here and in the province of New Jersey exhibited publicly his attachment to the Fraternity.

In later days, among the patrons and strong supporters of our Institution, may be mentioned the names of John Warren, Joseph Webb, Josiah Bartlett, Timothy Bigelow and John Dixwell, each of whom occupied the position of Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts ; while among the Grand Chaplains there were Thaddeus Mason Harris, William Bentley, John Eliot and Ezra Ripley. It may be interesting for me to mention, as showing the unsectarianness of Masonry, that our Grand

Chaplains have been divided denominationally, as follows: Unitarians, 20; Episcopalians, 16; Trinitarian Congregationalists, 9; Universalists, 9; Methodist Episcopal, 5; Baptist, 4; Christian Baptist, 1.

In the "History of Washington and his Masonic Compeers," Sidney Hayden says, in alluding to Peyton Randolph: "In 1773, committees of correspondence began to be formed in the different colonies, to ascertain the true position and sentiments of each. Of that of Virginia, Mr. Randolph was chairman, and through him the cavaliers of Virginia became first united in political sentiment with the puritans of New England. We cannot attempt in this personal sketch of Mr. Randolph to give a portraiture of the events of those times, or of the influences that produced them,— suffice it to say, that there is an unwritten history of the silent influences of Masonry in producing the political associations of that period. The mighty Brotherhood of Masonry, ever the friend of freedom, was omnipotent for good."

Here in Massachusetts many of the leading spirits of the Revolution, such as Warren and Revere, were presiding over our Grand Lodge. The history of the meetings at the Green Dragon Tavern, and the influence of this Society in bringing about and shaping the Revolution, have yet to be written. But that this influence was strong and controlling, is beyond all question. How much Franklin accomplished through the Fraternity of France, in the Lodges in which he received many an ovation, the world does not know.

After Washington became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Freemasonry, he continued until his death to be its firm and devoted friend. The doings of the Society have not been open to the public gaze, yet it is a fact worth considering, that during all the eventful life of Washington he was sur-

rounded by members of this Fraternity. Nearly all the General Officers of the Revolution were Masons. This was equally true of the members of the first Congress. Nearly all of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were active members of our Society ; and the President of the first Continental Congress was Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

How much the intimacy and close union of its members, and especially the confidence and reliance which this Society produced among the men of the Revolution in the field and in the senate, nerved their arms and increased their courage, we cannot tell. But we can believe, that, in the many hours of gloom and despondency which overshadowed the just cause before it finally prevailed, the friendships and strong hopes which were engendered by this confidence and reliance had much to do with the final result.

After the conflict was over, the Union was established, and Washington's fame was world-wide, — "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," — he did not consider it beneath his dignity to mix with the Fraternity, and be known as one of its members.

When the corner-stone of the national Capitol was laid, in the city named for the Father of his country, Washington was present as a Freemason to testify to the world, that, however exalted his station, he was not ashamed to acknowledge his connection with the Order. He had many examples before him in the Old World, and many have followed in his footsteps ; since the Grand Masters of England, for the last century and a half, have nearly all ranked high in the peerage. The heirs apparent of England and Prussia preside over their respective Grand Lodges to-day, while kings and emperors have added to their numerous titles that of Grand Master of the Freemasons.

In the declining years of Washington's life, the Grand Lodge

of Massachusetts received from him two communications, in answer to congratulatory letters officially sent to him. These letters are well known to the Fraternity, and have frequently been published in their proceedings. It is not our fault that they are not equally well known to the public.

Suffice it to say that in these communications he exhibits the same loyalty to this Order which had been conspicuous throughout his entire Masonic life.

When the sad end came; and all that was mortal of this illustrious man was left behind, his remains were deposited in the tomb by the loving hands of his Brethren, to whom he had always been faithful.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts communicated its grief to Mrs. Washington, and she, well knowing the high regard which Washington, living, had always entertained for Freemasonry, sent to our Grand Lodge this lock of his hair. [The lock of hair, in the golden urn, was here shown to the company.] The patriot Revere enclosed it, with his own hands, in this golden urn, and once a year, at the installation of all my predecessors, this urn, with its precious treasure, has been confided to the care and custody of the Grand Master of Masons in this Commonwealth.

Standing in the historic relation to Washington which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts sustains, it is a source of pleasure and pious duty for us to join with you in this centennial celebration. Here he first assumed the command of the continental forces; nor did he yield it until he had given freedom and liberty to his country, until he had established a nation in peace.

The orator and poet of the day were called up, and Mr. Lowell, declining to make remarks, called

up in his place Oliver Wendell Holmes, who read a poem well suited to the occasion.

Other eminent men responded to sentiments appropriate to the day, and the exercises in this beautiful hall proved to be of exceeding interest.

On invitation of R.W. Henry Endicott, the Brethren of the Grand Lodge enjoyed the hospitality of his pleasant home in Cambridgeport ; thus adding pleasantly to the many enjoyable scenes of the day.

On motion of R.W. Winslow Lewis, seconded by R.W. John T. Heard, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were presented to R.W. Brother Henry Endicott for his generous hospitality to the Grand Lodge.

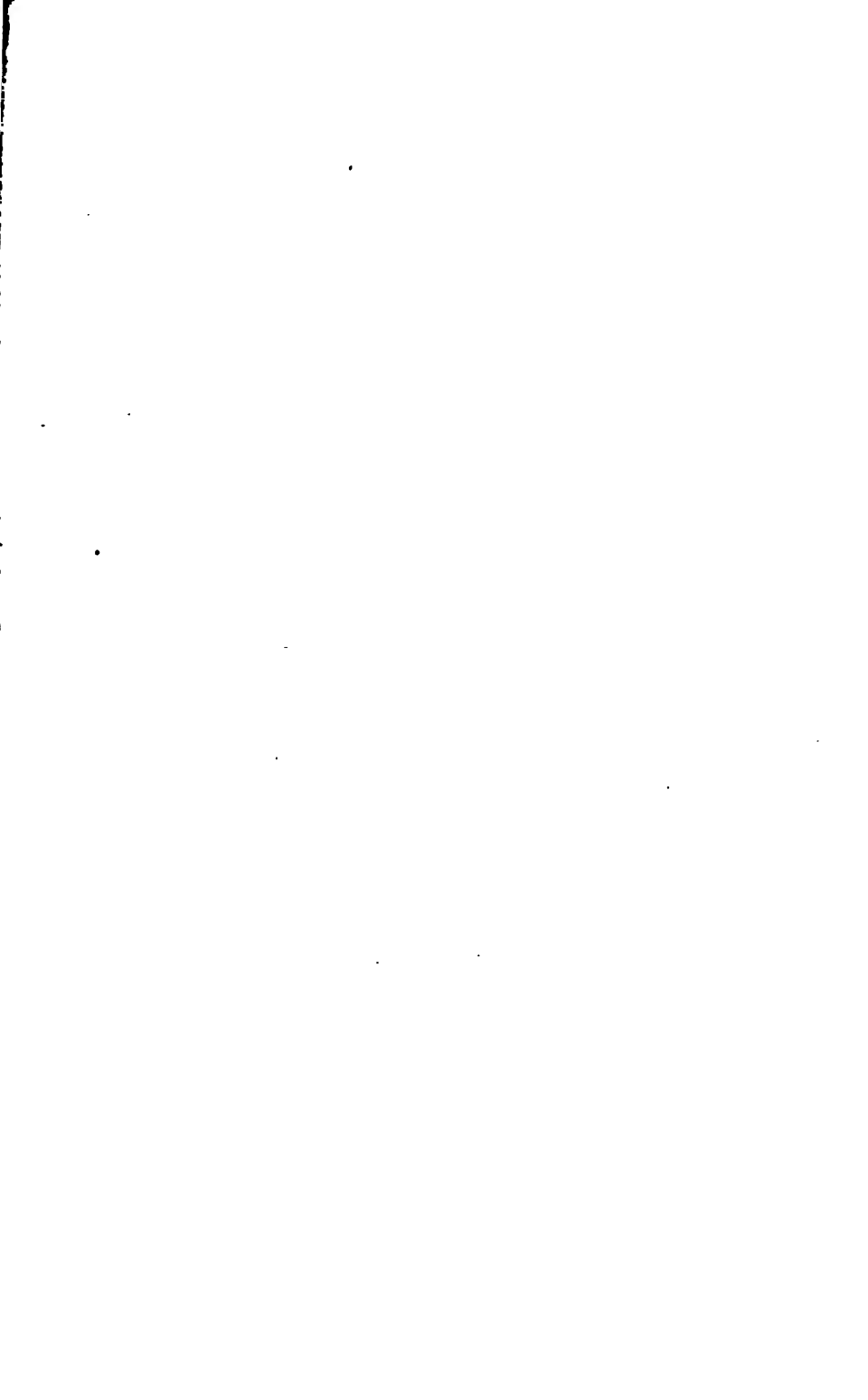
At eight o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Temple, Boston, was called from refreshment to labor, and closed in **AMPLE FORM.**

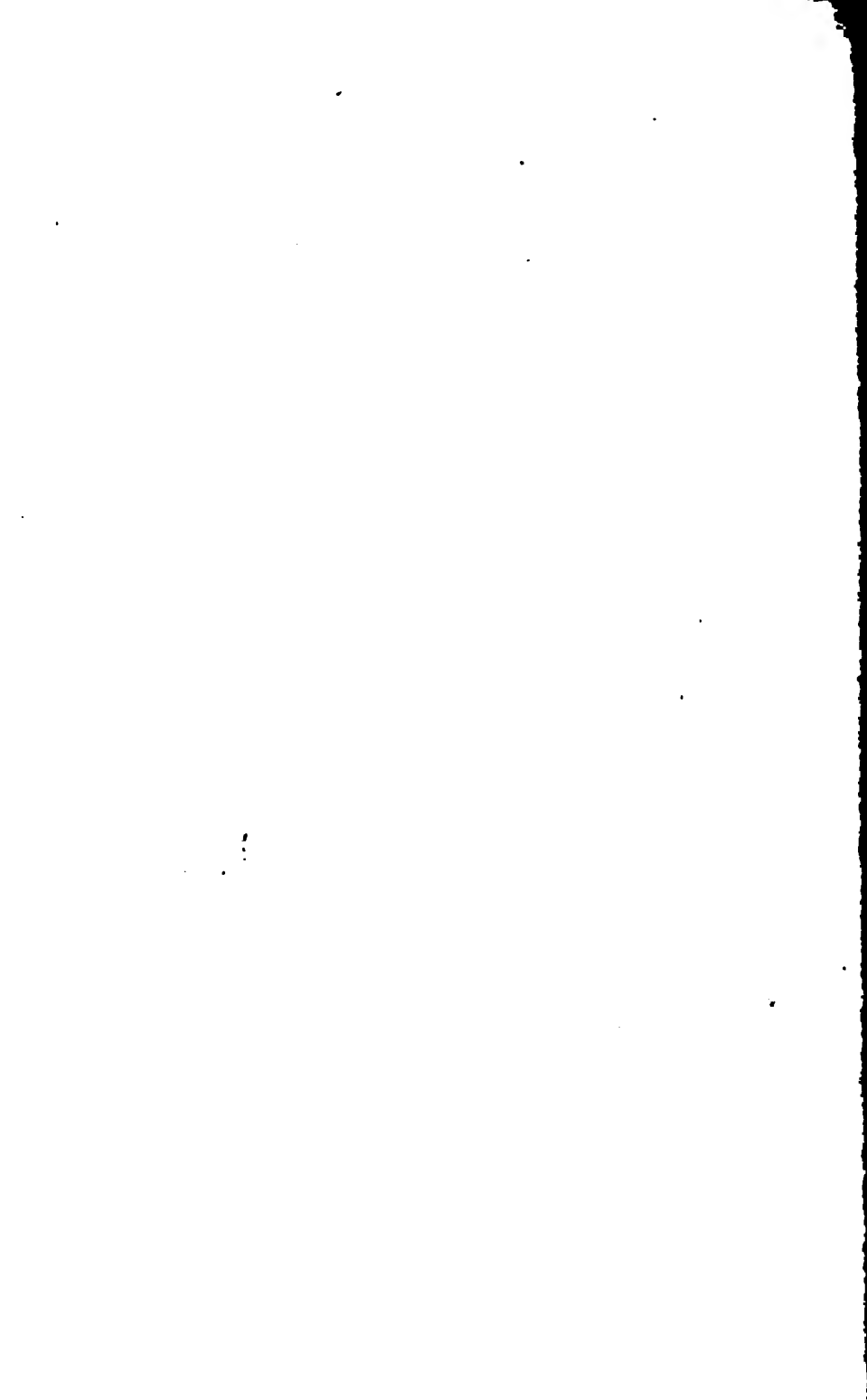
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Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.





Massachusetts - November - 1875.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 1875.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, A. L. 5875.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
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SETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on
Friday, the sixth day of August, A. L. 5875, A. D.
1875, pursuant to the following notice issued to the
officers and permanent members of the Grand
Lodge:—

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Boston, Aug. 4, 1875.

BROTHER.....

Our Senior Past Grand Master, R.W. Winslow Lewis, passed peacefully away at half-past eleven o'clock last night.

The funeral services will take place at St. Paul's Church, in this city, on Friday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The M.W. Grand Master requests the Officers and Permanent Members of the M.W. Grand Lodge to join with him in testifying our profound respect and affection for our departed Brother. For that purpose they will assemble at the Masonic Temple on Friday, the 6th inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

By order of the Grand Master,

CHARLES H. TITUS,

GRAND SECRETARY.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand "
R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS . . .	" " District No. 2.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH .	" " District No. 3.
R.W. GEORGE F. HOMER . . .	" " District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED . . .	" " District No. 5.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER . . .	" " District No. 6.
R.W. WILLIAM A. SMITH . . .	" " District No. 11.
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W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, } . .	Grand Lecturers.
W. J. FRANCIS LOTS, }	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
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BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . .	as Grand Tyler.

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R.W. CHARLES R. TRAIN . . .	" " " "
R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	" " " "
R.W. MARSHALL P. WILDER . .	" " " "
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R.W. HENRY GODDARD . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. JOEL SPALDING . . .	" " "
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R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES G. REED . . .	" " "

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY.	R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH.
W. HENRY G. FAY.	W. HENRY J. PARKER.
W. JAMES MILLS.	W. JOSEPH WINSOR.
W. SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG.	

DISTINGUISHED BRETHREN FROM ABROAD.

R.W. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND .	Past Grand Master, Maine.
R.W. THOMAS A. DOYLE . .	Past Grand Master, Rhode Island.
R.W. EDWARD P. BURNHAM .	Deputy Grand Master, Maine.
R.W. MOSES DODGE . . .	Grand Treasurer, Maine.

R.W. William W. Wheildon, Past Corresponding Grand Secretary,
 Bro. Francis C. Whiston, and several other Brethren, not officers or
 permanent members of the Grand Lodge, were also present.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at ten minutes past one o'clock, P. M., with prayer by the W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Joshua Young, and singing, by the Temple Quartette, the following hymn: —

COME UNTO ME.

[Music composed by the Grand Organist, Bro. Howard M. Dow.]

I.

Come unto me, when shadows darkly gather,
When the sad heart is weary and distressed,
Seeking for comfort from your Heavenly Father;
Come unto me, and I will give you rest.

II.

Large are the mansions in thy Father's dwelling,
Glad are the homes that sorrows never dim;
Sweet are the harps in holy music swelling,
Soft are the tones which raise the heav'nly hymn.

III.

There like an Eden blossoming in gladness,
Bloom the fair flowers the earth too rudely pressed;
Come unto me, all ye who droop in sadness,
Come unto me, and I will give you rest.

The Grand Master, in kind, loving and appropriate words, formally announced the death of our Senior Past Grand Master, Winslow Lewis, M. D., and all felt that a true friend and beloved Brother had been removed from them by this sad bereavement.

The Grand Master appointed, as a committee to

prepare a memorial of Bro. Lewis, for our records, to report at our Quarterly Communication in September next, R.W. Past Grand Masters John T. Heard, William D. Coolidge, William Parkman, Charles C. Dame, William S. Gardner and Sereno D. Nickerson.

The following telegrams, received by the Grand Master, were communicated by him to the Grand Lodge:—

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Aug. 6, 1875.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Freemasons, Masonic Temple:—*

We cordially sympathize with the Fraternity in Massachusetts, on the lamented death of Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, and unite with you in sorrow for the loss of a Brother alike eminent, venerated and beloved.

ROBERT T. CLINCH,

Past Grand Master, New Brunswick.

B. LESTER PETERS,

Past Grand Master, New Brunswick.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Aug. 6, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Grand Master of Freemasons, Masonic Temple:—*

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick expresses fraternal sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the loss sustained by the Craft in the death of Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, whose Masonic virtues shed a lustre on the whole Fraternity.

JOHN V. ELLIS,

Grand Master.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6, 1875.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts,
Masonic Temple, Boston:—*

We mourn with you in the loss of your Past Grand Master,
and our beloved Brother, Winslow Lewis.

ELLWOOD E. THORNE,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

A procession was formed by the Grand Marshal,
and the Grand Lodge was conducted to St. Paul's
Protestant Episcopal Church, Tremont street, in
the following order:—

ESCORT.

Boston Commandery of Knights Templars,
General Samuel C. Lawrence, Commander.
DeMolay Commandery of Knights Templars,
* John M. Clark, Commander.

St. Paul's Chapter.

Columbian Lodge.

Winslow Lewis Lodge.

Mt. Olivet Chapter, Rose Croix.

St. John's Lodge.

Grand Lodge.

The floral offerings at the church were profuse,
• arranged with much care and good taste, and very
expressive in their symbolic meaning.

Among these beautiful tributes to the deceased
were the following:—

An anchor, from the Grand Lodge.

A cross, from Winslow Lewis Lodge.

A large square and compasses, from St. John's Lodge.

A triangle, from St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter.

A basket of flowers, cross and crown, from Boston Commandery.

A cross, from Mt. Olivet Chapter, Rose Croix.

In the baptismal font, a large anchor standing on a pedestal, from Mr. Harvey D. Parker.

A heart of white tuberose, with square and compasses in the centre, of red carnations, from Bro. Thomas Mack.

A beautiful cross, five feet high, was placed upon the reading desk by Bro. John F. Mills.

The casket, containing the honored remains, was conveyed from the late residence of Bro. Lewis, 2 Boylston place, to the church, loaded with the floral offerings of friends. The casket was of polished rosewood, richly ornamented with silver.

The body of our beloved Brother was met at the door of the church by the rector, Rev. Treadwell Walden, and conveyed to the chancel with the usual service of the Episcopal Church, the widow, the two daughters, — Mrs. Dr. Gay and Mrs. Arthur Cheney, — with their husbands, and other relatives, following.

The usual simple and impressive service of the church was conducted by the rector of St. Paul's Church, of which church Mrs. Lewis is an esteemed communicant, and where our Brother had been an attendant for forty years.

The spacious church was filled with a deeply interested and sympathizing audience, chiefly members of the various Masonic Bodies with which the deceased was connected; the Supreme Council,

33d, Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, Puritan Lodge of New York City, as well as the Bodies named in the procession, being represented by honored delegates.

The numerous medical, historical and literary societies with which our Brother was honorably connected were also represented in the large concourse of Brethren, friends and citizens.

The singing at the church was impressively rendered by the regular choir of the church, under the direction of E. W. Pratt, organist, and consisted of a chant, — "Lord, let me know mine end;" the sentence, — "I heard a voice from heaven;" and the hymn, — "Rock of Ages."

At the close of these services the Grand Lodge took charge of the remains, the pall-bearers acting as a guard of honor while the body was viewed by the large concourse of friends.

The pall-bearers were: —

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	.	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	. . . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	. . . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	. . . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	. . . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	. . . . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	. . . . .	" " "

The above constitute all the living Past Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge. Bro. Gardner, though quietly present at the church, was excused

from active service as pall-bearer in consequence of his own sad bereavement in the recent death of his estimable wife, who departed this life July 22, 1875.

The funeral cortege moved from the church in the following order:—

- Platoon of Police.
- Medford Brass Band.
- Boston Commandery of Knights Templars.
- DeMolay Commandery of Knights Templars.
- Master Masons from various organizations.
- Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix.
- Columbian Lodge.
- Representatives of Ineffable Bodies with which the deceased was connected.
- Winslow Lewis Lodge.
- Saint John's Lodge.
- Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in carriages.
- Guard of Honor.
- Hearse.
- Guard of Honor.
- Family and other relatives of the deceased.

The escort conducted the procession as far as Parker street on Beacon street, when Winslow Lewis Lodge, Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, the Grand Lodge, and the Guard of Honor proceeded in carriages to Mt. Auburn.

Arriving at the family lot, the Brethren formed an oblong square about the grave, the Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, and Past Grand Masters taking position at the head, and the mourners at the foot.

AT THE GRAVE.

ORDER OF THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES

OF

R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS,

Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts,

AT MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, CAMBRIDGE,

AUGUST 6th, 1875.

CONDUCTED BY M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

AND OFFICERS OF THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HYMN.

[Music composed by Bro. Howard M. Dow, Grand Organist, and sung by the Temple Quartette.]

I.

I cannot always trace the way
Where thou Almighty One dost move;
But I can always, always say
That God is Love.

II.

When mystery clouds my darkened path
I'll check my dread, my doubts reprove.
In this my soul sweet comfort hath,
That God is Love.

III.

Yes! God is Love; — a word like this
Can ev'ry gloomy thought remove,
And turn all tears, all woes, to bliss,
For God is Love.

PRAYER BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

HYMN.

I.

Clay to clay, and dust to dust !
Let them mingle, — for they must ;
Give to earth the earthly clod,
For the spirit 's fled to God.

II.

Nevermore shall midnight's damp
Darken round this mortal lamp ;
Nevermore shall noonday's glance
Search this mortal countenance.

III.

Look aloft. The spirit 's risen, —
Death cannot the soul imprison ;
'Tis in heaven that spirits dwell,
Glorious, though invisible.

IV.

Thither let us turn our view ;
Peace is there, and comfort too ;
There shall those we love be found,
Tracing joy's eternal round.

ADDRESS TO THE BRETHREN BY THE GRAND MASTER.

MY BRETHREN : — We are now assembled around the final resting-place of these mortal remains, and about closing the last solemn duties of respect we owe to our departed friend and Brother.

We are born to die. We follow our friends to the brink of the grave, and, standing on the shore of a vast ocean, we gaze with exquisite anxiety till the last dreadful struggle is over, and see them sink in the fathomless abyss. We feel our own feet

slide from the precarious bank on which we stand, and but a few suns more, and we shall be whelmed amid death's awful waves. Another generation will rise to occupy our places and stations in life.

The sun will rise and set, the earth revolve — strangers will tread upon our sepulchres, without knowing that we ever existed. A few surviving relatives may remember us and mourn, but these few will soon follow to the land of silence. No one here will concern himself with our past joys and sorrows, while we shall be conversant with the amazing realities of another world.

Under these feelings and impressions, we are now about to commit the body of our departed friend to the silent grave. And under a full and solemn conviction of the nothingness of all earthly and perishable objects, we here renewedly, as Masons, pledge to each other our fraternal love; and may we so improve this dispensation of Divine Providence, and so live, that when these feeble frames shall slumber beneath the cold clods of the valley, the needy and distressed, the widow and the orphan, may point with regret to our sleeping ashes, and each exclaim, "There lie the men whose compassions soothed my woes; whose maxims tranquillized my perturbed spirits, and whose bounty relieved my pressing necessity."

INVOCATION BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN AND BRETHREN.

CHAPLAIN. — Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears.

RESPONSE. — For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

CHAPLAIN. — Oh, spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

RESPONSE. — Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

CHAPLAIN. — Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

RESPONSE. — Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest : Return, ye children of men.

CHAPLAIN. — The days of our years are threescore years and ten ; and if; by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow ; for it is soon cut off and we fly away.

RESPONSE. — So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

CHAPLAIN. — Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

RESPONSE. — He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down ; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

CHAPLAIN. — Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee ; thou hast appointed his bounds, that he cannot pass.

RESPONSE. — Turn from him, that he may rest till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

CHAPLAIN. — For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

RESPONSE. — But man dieth, and wasteth away ; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he ?

CHAPLAIN. — As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and dryeth up :

RESPONSE. — So man lieth down, and riseth not ; till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

PRAYER BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

HYMN.

I.

Here Death his sacred seal hath set
On bright and bygone hours ;
The dead we mourn are with us yet,
And more than ever ours !

II.

Ours, by the pledge of love and faith ;
By hopes of heaven on high ;
By trust, triumphant over death,
In immortality !

III.

The dead are like the stars by day,
Withdrawn from mortal eye ;
Yet holding unperceived their way
Through the unclouded sky.

IV.

By them, through holy hope and love,
We feel, in hours serene,
Connected with the Lodge above,
Immortal and unseen.

CHARGE TO THE BRETHREN BY THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN : — We have taken a solemn and impressive survey of human life in all its blended lights and shades, and learned that all on earth is change. But is this the end of man, and the expiring hope of faithful Masons? No ; blessed be God ! We pause not at our first or second step, but, true to our principles, we look forward for greater light. As the embers of mortal life are feebly glimmering in the socket of existence, our religion removes the dark shroud, draws aside the sable curtains of the tomb, and bids hope and joy to rouse up, sustain and cheer the departing spirit. She points beyond the silent tomb to the breaking light of a resurrection morn, and bids us turn an eye of faith and confidence on the opening scenes of eternity.

She teaches us to advance boldly onward, and ask more light, till, at the Supreme Grand Master's word, we shall be *raised* to the blissful Lodge above. There light, unmingled with darkness, shall reign, unbroken and perpetual. There, under the sunbeam smiles of immutable Love, and beneath the benignant beam of the All-Seeing Eye, we, as faithful Masons, cherish the fond and immortal hope that we shall meet again — meet to part no more.

COMMITTAL OF THE BODY TO THE GRAVE.

Unto the grave we now resign the body of our departed Brother.

Friend of our hearts, there rest in peace. Raised by the Supreme Grand Master's word, mayest thou share the blessings of immortal life and unfading glory.

DEPOSITING THE SPRIG OF ACACIA.

BENEDICTION BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

At five minutes past six o'clock the coffin lid was closed, and all that was mortal of our dear Brother was forever hidden from human sight.

At the close of these solemn and impressive services the Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Temple, and was closed in Grand Lodge Hall at ten minutes before seven o'clock, P. M., in *AMPLE FORM*.

A true abstract from the Record.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 8, A. L. 5875.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
 WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
 MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
 Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
 day, the eighth day of September, A. L. 5875, A. D.
 1875.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R. W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. HENRY CHICKERING . . .	as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R. W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R. W. FRANCIS CHILDS	" " District No. 2.
R. W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	" " District No. 3.
R. W. GEORGE F. HOMER . . .	" " District No. 4.
R. W. GEORGE F. BREED	" " District No. 5.
R. W. WARREN CURRIER	" " District No. 6.
R. W. SOLON W. STEVENS . . .	" " District No. 7.
R. W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER . . .	" " District No. 8.
R. W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN	" " District No. 10.
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R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	" " "

OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH, W. JOSEPH WINSOR.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRIALS.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, and singing.

William Wallace Lee, Esq., M.W. Grand Master of Masons in the State of Connecticut, was present, seated upon the right of the Grand Master, but declined the formal introduction belonging to his rank.

The Record of the Quarterly Communication of June 9, 1875, and the Special Communications of June 17, 1875, and July 3, 1875, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Records of the Special Communications of June 24, 1875, at North Andover, for the purpose of constituting Cochichewick Lodge; of July 1, 1875, at Needham, for the purpose of constituting Norfolk Lodge; and of July 16, 1875, at Natick, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic hall of Meridian Lodge, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

EUREKA LODGE, New Bedford, full code.

IONIC LODGE, Taunton, full code.

ATHOL LODGE, Athol, amendment.

ALFRED BAYLIES LODGE, Taunton, amendment.

GRECIAN LODGE, Lawrence, full code.

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE, Lynn, amendments.

GATE OF THE TEMPLE, South Boston, amendments.

MERRIMACK LODGE, Haverhill, amendment.

NORFOLK LODGE, Needham, change of seal.

Proxies were presented from

FRATERNAL LODGE, Hyannis, in favor of W. BRO. GEORGE J. MILLER.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, Shanghai, China, in favor of R.W. BRO. WILLIAM F. SALMON.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The record of proceedings of Massachusetts Lodge in the trial of Leon S. Peartree, presented for approval at the Quarterly Communication in March last, was, on the recommendation of the Committee on Trials, referred back to said Lodge, to be amended in two items deemed important by the committee, and which had been inadvertently omitted, viz.: That the service of the complaint upon the respondent did not appear to have been at his "last and usual place of abode;" and that the record did not show that Neils Jacobs was a Master Mason. (See printed Proceedings, pp. 24-26.)

The record so amended as to show the above facts having been returned to the Grand Secretary's office, it was, on motion, voted that the Proceedings of Massachusetts Lodge in the trial of Leon L. Peartree be, and the same are, hereby approved, and the action of said Lodge in expelling the said

Peartree, from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, confirmed.

The request of the newly formed Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, and Manitoba, to be recognized among the fraternity of Grand Lodges, was referred to R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, and W. Alonzo B. Wentworth.

R.W. William A. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District, having resigned said office in consequence of feeble health, the Grand Master accepted his resignation, declared a vacancy to exist in said office, and appointed W. Bro. Charles W. Moody to fill the same. Bro. Moody being present was installed District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District in AMPLE FORM.

The Grand Master announced the decease of R.W. Ithamar F. Conkey, Past Grand Warden, who died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart, at his residence in Amherst, on Sunday, August 7, 1875, at seven o'clock, A. M., and appointed R.W. David W. Crafts, W. Mirick N. Spear, and W. Samuel A. Phelps, a committee to prepare suitable resolutions upon his death, to be spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF R.W. BRO. ITHAMAR F.
CONKEY.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, Sept. 8th, 1875.

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of R.W. Brother Ithamar Francis Conkey respectfully submit the following report: —

Whereas, God in his inscrutable wisdom has removed from among us by death R.W. Brother Ithamar Francis Conkey, thus severing another link in the Fraternal Chain, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, and all Masonic Bodies of which he was an honored member, have lost a worthy companion, a true friend, a zealous Mason, and a good citizen.

Resolved, That, while we deeply deplore his loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and confidently hope to meet him in that better land, — the Celestial Lodge above.

Resolved, That we tender to his family our heartfelt sympathy in this afflictive bereavement. May they be sustained by the hope that a lasting reunion awaits them.

Resolved, That the Recording Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to his family.

DANIEL W. CRAFTS,
MIRICK N. SPEAR,
SAMUEL A. PHELPS,

Committee.

The roll of the Lodges was called, and the following were found to be represented: —

ABERDOUR.	JOHN CUTLER.	PAUL DEAN.
ADELPHI.	JORDAN.	PAUL REVERE.
ALFRED BAYLIES.	JOSEPH WARREN.	PENTUCKET.
AMICABLE.	KILWINNING.	PEQUOSSETTE.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	KING DAVID.	PHOENIX.
ANCIENT YORK.	KING SOLOMON.	PILGRIM.
ARTISAN.	LAFAYETTE	PIONEER.
ATHOL.	(Boston Highlands).	PLYMOUTH.
BAALBEC.	LIBERTY.	PUTNAM.
BELMONT.	MASSACHUSETTS.	RABBONI.
BETHESDA (Brighton).	MAY FLOWER.	REVERE.
BETH-HORON.	MERIDIAN.	RISING STAR.
CALEB BUTLER.	MERRIMACK.	ROBERT LASH.
CHARITY.	MONITOR.	ROSWELL LEE.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	MORNING STAR.	SAGGAHEW.
CHARLES H. TITUS.	MONTACUTE.	SAINT ANDREW'S.
CHICOPEE.	MOUNT CARMEL.	SAINT MARTIN'S.
COCHICHEWICK.	MOUNT HOPE.	SAINT MATTHEW'S.
COLUMBIAN.	MOUNT HOREB	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).
CONSTELLATION.	(Woburn).	SAINT PAUL'S
CRESCENT.	MOUNT HOREB	(South Boston).
DAY SPRING.	(West Harwich).	STAR IN THE EAST.
ELIOT.	MOUNT LEBANON.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
ESSEX.	MOUNT OLIVET.	STARR KING.
EUREKA.	MOUNT VERNON.	TEMPLE.
FRATERNAL.	NEWTON.	THOMAS.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.	NORFOLK.	UNION (Dorchester).
GRECIAN	NORFOLK UNION.	WARREN.
HAMPDEN.	NORTH STAR.	WILDER.
HENRY PRICE.	OLD COLONY.	WILLIAM NORTH.
HIRAM.	ORANGE.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
HYDE PARK.	ORIENT.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
IONIC (Taunton).	ORPHAN'S HOPE.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
ISAAC PARKER.	PALESTINE.	

The Committee on Trials submitted the following:—

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF TEMPLE LODGE IN
THE TRIAL OF FREDERICK O. THOMAS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Sept. 8, 1875.

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of Temple Lodge, in the case of Frederick O. Thomas, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following report:—

The respondent was charged “with conduct grossly criminal and unbecoming a Mason,” and the specification sets forth the nature of the offence with clearness and precision.

The respondent was duly notified, and the trial was conducted in due form. The evidence introduced was sufficient to establish the guilt of the respondent, and your committee recommend that the proceedings be approved by the Grand Lodge.

EDWARD AVERY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted, whereby the doings of Temple Lodge are approved, and the expulsion of Frederick O. Thomas from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry confirmed.

The committee to whom were referred the pro-

posed amendments to the Grand Constitutions made report as follows:—

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 17, ARTICLE VIII., PART I., OF
THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, September 8, 1875.

The committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Section 17, Article VIII., Part I., of the Grand Constitutions, have duly considered the subject, and are of opinion that the first sentence of said section should be amended as proposed, and that the remainder of said section should stand as at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM S. GARDNER,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

EDWARD AVERY,

Committee.

The report was accepted. The question then being upon adopting the amendment as recommended by the committee, it was found that one hundred and thirty-eight voted *yea*, and two voted *nay*; whereupon the Grand Master declared the amendment adopted. That part of the section so amended will now read:—

“Three Past Masters shall be annually appointed Grand Lecturers, whose duty it shall be to exemplify, for the benefit of the Brethren generally, the work and lectures of the several

degrees, at such times and in such places as the Grand Master shall direct."

M.W. Bro. Lee, Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, retired from the hall, conducted by the Grand Marshal, the Brethren all rising.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition to amend Article IV., Part III., submitted the following report: —

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV., PART III., OF
THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

IN GRAND LODGE,

BOSTON, Sept. 8, 1875.

The committee to whom were referred the amendments proposed to Article IV., Part III., have duly considered the same, and recommend their adoption, with certain modifications, which are herewith reported in a new draft as follows: —

ARTICLE IV.

TRIALS, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SECTION I. The Grand Master shall annually appoint a Board of five members of the Grand Lodge, to be styled *Commissioners of Trials*, but he may in his discretion appoint a Special Board of Commissioners for the trial of any given cause. All commissioners shall be Past Masters. The first named of said Board shall be the president thereof, and three members shall constitute a quorum. Whenever a member of a Lodge, or a Brother under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of any offence, which, if proved, would subject him to expulsion or suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the proceedings in

the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules:—

1. The accusation shall be made in writing, with specifications of the offence, under the signature of a Master Mason, and, if the accused is a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall be given in charge to the Master thereof, who shall summon his Lodge to act upon the accusation. If the Lodge by a majority vote determine that the charges require investigation, then the accusation shall be given in charge to the President of the Board, who, under direction of the Board, shall cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, together with a summons to appear, at a time and place to be named in said summons, and make such answer to the charges as he may desire. The summons shall be served upon the accused fourteen days, at least, before the return day thereof. Such appearance may be made in person before the President, or by filing an answer in writing with the President. If the residence of the accused be out of the Commonwealth, and unknown, the commissioners may proceed to examine the charges *ex parte*; but if known and out of the Commonwealth, a summons shall be sent him, by mail or otherwise, sixty days, at least, before the time appointed for his appearance. The service and the return thereof shall be according to regulations to be made by the commissioners, and, when so made, shall be conclusive. In case of unaffiliated Masons the accusation shall be given in charge to the President of the Board, and the proceedings thereafter shall be as herein directed.

2. The examination of the charges shall be had at some convenient place and time, to be designated by the commissioners, of which due notice shall be given, and no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses. Unless otherwise ordered by the commissioners, the testimony may be taken by

the President, who shall reduce the same to writing, to be submitted to the Board. Witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such. Other witnesses shall be duly sworn before their testimony is taken.

3. Any Brother duly authorized may appear as counsel in support of, or in opposition to, the charges during the taking of the testimony and in the argument of the cause.

4. A full record of the proceedings in each case, including the testimony taken, the action of the commissioners thereon, and the sentence, if any, imposed upon the accused, to be signed by the commissioners acting in such case, shall be transmitted to the Recording Grand Secretary, by him to be placed on file and presented to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication. The action of the commissioners, including the sentence, if any, imposed upon the respondent, if approved, shall stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge. The finding of the commissioners shall be subject to correction or review by the Grand Lodge, who may order a new trial, or otherwise dispose of the case.

SECTION II. Any five members of a Lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, may impeach the Master of said Lodge before the Grand Master, who shall order an investigation of the charges; and if, in his opinion, they are well founded and of a character to justify the proceeding, he may suspend the delinquent and summon him to appear for trial before said commissioners, or such special commissioners as the Grand Master may appoint. The foregoing rules, as far as the same shall be applicable, shall be observed in the trial of a Master of a Lodge before such commissioners.

SECTION III. The commissioners shall receive for their services, and for necessary expenses in each case, such compensa-

tion as the Grand Master shall determine and allow, upon the certificate of the commissioners.

SECTION IV. Whenever a complaint against a member of a Lodge shall be presented to the commissioners in the manner above provided, the Lodge of which he is a member shall, prior to the time appointed for the trial of the complaint, deposit with the Grand Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars towards defraying the expenses of such trial, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Master. In case of complaints against unaffiliated Masons, the Grand Master shall make order in regard to defraying the expenses of the trial.

SECTION V. An expulsion or suspension of a Brother from a Royal Arch Chapter, or a Commandery of Knight Templars, shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from Masonry, or from the Lodge of which he is a member.

SECTION VI. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall expel or suspend a member from the rights of Masonry.

SECTION VII. Forfeiture or suspension of membership shall not be imposed until the delinquent has been duly notified of the time when and place where action will be taken in his case. If the residence of the delinquent is out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or unknown, no notice shall be required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
SERENO D. NICKERSON,
EDWARD AVERY,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the new draft of Article IV. submitted by the committee was, after a full discussion upon the importance of the subject

and the merits of the proposed changes, recommended to the same committee, to report thereon at our Annual Communication in December next.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in behalf of the committee, appointed at the Quarterly Communication in June, 1874, to consider and report on the best means of preserving the Ritual from alterations, made report to the Grand Lodge, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Ritual submitted the following report: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL IN RELATION
TO THE PREPARATION OF A TRESTLE-BOARD.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, September 8, 1875.

The Committee on Ritual, who at the last quarterly communication were instructed to consider the propriety of preparing a Masonic Trestle-Board for the use of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, respectfully report: —

That, inasmuch as the ritual is now established, and is likely to remain unchanged for a long time, it would seem to be important to furnish to the Brethren, in print, such portions of our ceremonies and work as it may be proper to preserve in that form, including a suitable installation and funeral service. It is therefore recommended that such a trestle-board be prepared under the direction of this committee, and submitted to the Grand Lodge for its approval.

For the committee,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Chairman.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws made their report as follows: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, September 8, 1875.

To the M. W. Grand Master: —

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the full codes submitted by Eureka Lodge, New Bedford, Ionic Lodge, Taunton, and Grecian Lodge, Lawrence.

Some slight amendments have been made in all to bring them in accord with the regulations of the M. W. Grand Lodge; with these amendments and description of seals, being furnished by Eureka and Ionic Lodges, we recommend their approval.

The amendments to by-laws submitted by Athol Lodge, Athol, Norfolk Lodge, Needham, Merrimack Lodge, Haverhill, Mt. Carmel Lodge, Lynn, and Alfred Baylies Lodge, Taunton, are recommended for approval; also those from Gate of the Temple, South Boston, with the erasure of one section as made by the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. SALMON,

THOS. W. DAVIS,

Committee on By-Laws.

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The committee appointed at the Special Communication, August 6, 1875, to prepare a memorial

for our records of R.W. Winslow Lewis, M.D., Past Grand Master, submitted to the Grand Lodge the following report and accompanying documents, and on motion the same was accepted, the resolutions adopted, and the recommendation to print in our published Proceedings the documents referred to and accompanying the report, approved.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS, PAST GRAND MASTER.

IN GRAND LODGE.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Sept. 8, A.L. 5875.

At the Special Communication of this Grand Lodge, held for the purpose of solemnizing the burial of the earthly remains of our Brother Past Grand Master WINSLOW LEWIS, the undersigned were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial of him for our records, to report at our Quarterly Communication now being held, and would respectfully present the following papers as their report:—

REPORT.

These symbols of mourning remind us that a beloved and distinguished Brother is no longer with us; they denote that the earthly pilgrimage of one of the most faithful, active and honored of our number has ended. *Mors ultima linea rerum est.* Death with silent tread has taken away one who for more than forty years was constant in his attendance on our Communications. His cheerful countenance we shall not again see; his cheering words we shall not again hear. In the transactions of this Grand Lodge, in which he always felt the liveliest interest, he,

henceforth, will not participate. When we are called to refreshment, who can fill his place? Who can enliven and charm, with wit and humor, at our social gatherings, as he did? His eminently genial disposition endeared him to all who came under its influence. In the Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and in all of the other branches of the Masonic Institution (with all of which he was affiliated), no one was more respected and loved than he. His head and heart were in accord in cherishing and extending the benign principles of Masonry. His Masonic career teems with examples testifying to his sincere and hearty approbation of them. His life-long conduct illustrated them. His voice is now silent. His inspiring presence cannot be recalled. His memory will ever be cherished and honored by us. His virtuous example and good works survive. Few men, when they have passed into the grave, leave behind them more sincere mourners than has our departed Brother.

A distinguished member of this Grand Lodge has said that "Dr. Lewis was a born Mason." Is not this true? From his youth to the time of his death was he not endued with that spirit of benevolence and love of fraternization which are the elements of Masonry? His natural tendency was to co-operate with an Institution whose principles are so broad as to embrace in its philanthropy the whole human family. But his heart warmed not alone towards members of our Fraternity who were in trouble or distress. His sympathy and kindness, professional and otherwise, were evidently remembered with affection and gratitude over his coffin, in the church, by persons not of our Society, if moistened eye, the quivering lip and gentle touch of his mortal remains were evidences.

In his remarks to this Grand Lodge in March last, on the death of R.W. Brother JOHN FLINT, M.D., he characterized the latter's *goodness* as "true greatness." Though our Brother

Lewis acquired an exalted reputation for skill as a surgeon, and for excellence in the healing art; though in other branches of science and art he had scholarly attainments; though he was a lover of the classics and embellished his speech and writings with them; though he was prominently connected with societies for the diffusion of knowledge, in whose labors he took an active part, — yet he was more distinguished for his *goodness*; his yearning to dispense blessings to the suffering and depressed. His charity was of the larger kind; it consisted not merely in almsgiving, but, rather, in the practice of what the *five points of fellowship* teach us. In this we find his “true greatness.” The motto, which some years since he influenced this Grand Lodge to adopt, is one which should have been his own: *Homo sum, et humani a me nil alienum puto*: — “I am a man, and nothing which relates to man can be foreign to my bosom.”

WINSLOW LEWIS, M.D., was born in Boston, on the 8th of July, 1799, where his *home* continued to be to the time of his death. He died in Grantville, near Boston, on the 3d of August, 1875, at eleven o'clock and twenty-five minutes in the evening. When taken sick, he was on a visit to his son-in-law, Dr. George H. Gay, whose summer residence is in that village.

The following extract from a note received from Dr. Gay will be read with intense, though sad interest by all who knew Dr. Lewis personally or by reputation: —

He left Boston, July 7th, for Grantville. On July 15th, he was troubled with flatulency and pain in the region of the stomach. This passed away, and he was better. Two or three days afterwards he was making preparations to go to Boston when he was seized with a chill.

He went to bed, seemingly much exhausted, very feeble, and with a hot, feverish condition of the skin, and a slight muttering delirium, with almost constant restlessness of the body.

From this time there was a gradual fading away; he was

never Dr. Lewis again. There were times when he could be roused, and answered questions apparently in a rational way ; but he would soon seem to forget, and then stop and go to sleep.

These periods of nervous restlessness, indistinct mutterings, and consciousness, continued day by day without any favorable change.

Twice during the last week of his life there was every reasonable indication that he was dying, as evidenced by the extreme feebleness of the pulse, and the coldness and the cold moisture upon the head and face and below the knees.

During the unremitting nursing there was a gradual restoration of warmth and an improved condition of the pulse.

Again there was a rallying for a short period, consciousness came back, his eyes looked on all around him ; he gave his good-bye, and then with an effort, turned on to his right side, and said, "*I am going to sleep ;*" and the light immediately went out, Aug. 3, 1875, at eleven o'clock and twenty-five minutes in the evening.

BROTHER LEWIS was fitted for college under the tuition of Mr. Daniel Staniford, of Boston ; graduated at Harvard University in 1819 ; studied medicine under the late Dr. John C. Warren, and received the degree of M.D. in 1822. He then went to Europe to perfect his professional studies, where he attended the lectures of GUILLAUME DUPUYTREN (born in 1778), the most distinguished French surgeon of his time, professor of medical science in the faculty of medicine in Paris, and chief surgeon in the *Hôtel Dieu* ; and those of JOHN ABERNETHY, (born in 1764), an eminent English surgeon, who lectured in London.

In 1855, he was a Counsellor of the Massachusetts Medical Society ; a member of the American Medical Society, at Paris, France ; and consulting surgeon of the Massachusetts General Hospital. He was for two years physician of the municipal institutions and three years physician of the House of Correction.

In this connection, we would lay before you a communication from the distinguished poet and *belles lettres* writer, OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, M. D., the *Professor of Anatomy* of Harvard University. He was a pupil of Dr. Lewis, and it will be observed appreciated the excellence of his character, as well as his professional skill and learning. We also present here an article from the "BOSTON MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL," which, a few words excepted, is an appropriate tribute to the memory of Dr. Lewis.

WINSLOW LEWIS, M.D.

One of the earlier associations of physicians for teaching the various branches of their profession was that formed by Dr. James Jackson, Dr. Walter Channing, Dr. Winslow Lewis and Dr. George W. Otis. Of this band of teachers Dr. Channing is now the only survivor.

The charge of the department of Anatomy devolved upon Dr. Lewis. This brought him into more constant relations with the students than the other officers of instruction. As one of his pupils, I had ample opportunities of knowing his capacity as an instructor, and his social qualities as a companion. I think all who remember him in these two relations will agree that he was one of the most agreeable and interesting of teachers, and one of the most genial and kindhearted of men. He was with us as one of us, sharing our labors in the arduous practical part of them, delighting in imparting knowledge, and doing it with a good-nature and vivacity which made hard work a pleasure. Adroit and neat-handed himself, he took pains to make his students skilful in the lesser as well as the greater operations and manipulations. It was from him that we learned how to put on a *spica bandage* so that it should be a pleasure to contemplate it as a work of art. How often have some of us wished that this or that noted surgeon had taken lessons with us of Dr. Lewis.

Medical scholarship in its extended sense is all but obsolete. The great increase in the number of medical journals; the sub-

division of the healing art into specialties, in each of which there is a considerable literature of its own; the revolution effected by the microscope in several departments, with other causes, have so changed the relative value of the once classic authorities in the general estimate, that very few libraries afford the student the means of seeing how the present state of knowledge has grown out of the past. All this is, however, less true of Anatomy than of any other branch of medical science. One who would study the muscles will find no substitute for Albinus, whose magnificent figures are more than a hundred years old; one who would know what has been learned about the lymphatics will find no recent delineations to compare with those of the long renowned Mascagni.

These were the books Dr. Lewis had a passion for; and yet so open-handed was he that he could not resist the temptation to give away his treasures to those that valued them. This habit never forsook him, and it was only a year or two ago that I was pleasantly surprised by a gift from him of a great folio containing a large number of portraits of famous anatomists, surgeons and physicians.

Dr. Lewis's old age was singularly cheerful, and his cordial greeting of his old pupils and friends was just as it always had been in the brighter season, — as we are apt to consider it, — before the days of the frost and the fading leaf have brought their changes. He has left a name which many friends will embalm with their recollections, and, in adding this slight tribute to worthier offerings, I am sure that the feeling which prompts it, will more than excuse its insufficiency.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Boston, Sept. 1st, 1875.

[From the "*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*," August 12, 1875.]

DR. WINSLOW LEWIS.

The death of Dr. Lewis has removed one from the small circle of professional men now remaining among us whose lives date

back into the last century. He was born July 8, 1799, and graduated at Harvard College in 1819. Studying medicine under the late Dr. John C. Warren, he took his degree in 1822, and subsequently completed his medical education in Europe, where he had the privilege of listening to such men as Dupuytren and Abernethy. On returning to this country he began the practice of his profession, in which he was quite successful, acquiring considerable reputation for skill as a surgeon. His activity as a physician, and the high respect in which he was held by his fellow-citizens, are shown by the numerous positions of honor and trust which he has from time to time held. He was at one time physician of the municipal institutions, and also of the House of Correction, and has been for many years one of the consulting physicians of the Massachusetts General Hospital and of the Boston City Hospital. He has also occupied positions in the General Court, the Common Council, and the School Committee, and for six years was on the board of overseers of Harvard College.

Retiring from the practice of his profession many years ago, he has been better known to most of the profession of late years as a prominent Freemason, of which Craft he has been a member for nearly half a century, during which period he has been the recipient of nearly every honor which it was in the power of the Brotherhood to bestow. As Past Grand Master of the Masons of Massachusetts, and one who took an unusual interest in the welfare of the Order, he was held in high respect by its members, by whom a fitting tribute has been paid to his memory.

His great activity and versatile talents, combining with a warm heart, kindly disposition, and courtly manners, have endeared him to the many classes in the community with which in the course of a long life he has come in contact.

He was a representative to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1830, 1832 and 1836; a member of the Common Council of Boston in 1839; a member of the School Committee of Boston in 1839, 1840, 1841, 1844, 1845, 1857 and 1858; a vis-

itor of the United States Marine Hospital from 1856 to 1862; an overseer of Harvard University from 1856 to 1862; and consulting physician of the City of Boston in 1861.

He early was connected with the NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. He was its president from January, 1861, to January, 1866, when he was succeeded by John A. Andrew, LL. D. His addresses to the society, as president, are learned, and cogently and eloquently set forth the designs for which it was established. His address before this society on the occasion of the decease of EDWARD EVERETT abounds in classical lore; and is a tribute to his memory, unsurpassed in beauty of diction, and abounding in earnest, tender and feeling expressions relative to the character of the distinguished statesman. We should be glad to present these addresses for republication by the Grand Lodge, but their voluminousness forbids. They will be found in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register." Dr. Lewis' attendance at the meetings of the Society was constant, and his interest in its welfare never abated; he contributed largely to the Library, as the acknowledgments of the Librarian testify.

Your committee annex to this report a Memoir of Dr. Lewis, written by our late R. W. Brother JOHN H. SHEPPARD, and published in 1863, in Vol. XVII. of the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register." It embraces his family history to that date, and is no doubt authentic; both the writer and his subject being strong friends, and in frequent personal communication, would leave no doubt of the fact. To connect so long a paper with our report was at first a question of doubt; but when we remembered that it related to the ancestors of our esteemed Brother Lewis, and to his life, your committee no longer hesitated in presenting it to you. In the same volume

of the Register are Genealogies of the Lewis and Winslow families prepared by Brother Sheppard.

Our brother was the President of the GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY, and one of the editors of the "GYNÆCOLOGICAL JOURNAL." The Society was established on the 22d of January 1869; the Journal, in July, of that year. We annex an extract from the "Salutatory by the Publisher" of the Journal, which will be read with interest, as it refers to Dr. Lewis. The publication of the Journal is for the present suspended.

[From the July number, in 1869, of the "*Gynæcological Journal*."]]

The senior of them [the editors], Dr. Lewis, has been a very prominent man in New England ever since the commencement of his long professional career. Trained by the best surgeon of the times, Dr. John C. Warren, he early proved himself a most expert anatomist and operator, and has for many years been identified with the great professional charities of Boston. At the present moment he holds a noteworthy pre-eminence, in that he is a member of the consulting staff of each of our great hospitals, the Massachusetts General, the City, and the Carney. He was the founder, and for many years the President, of the Boylston Medical School, which so long competed in private instruction with the Tremont, and was finally discontinued only in consequence of the subsidizing of one or more of its teachers by Harvard University. He has repeatedly served as one of the consulting physicians of the City of Boston, and was formerly City Physician.

In private life, his influence has been as extensive. The most prominent Freemason perhaps in New England, indeed considered in Massachusetts as the Nestor of the Fraternity, his name goes down to posterity as the founder of the most energetic Lodge in Boston, known by his own name.

Dr. Lewis has always disbelieved in the too great centralization of power, applying the same rule to the medical profession that governs, in this country, the rest of the community.

It is not impossible that certain articles of his creed may at times manifest themselves in the pages of this Journal, — opposing, as he ever has done, the subordination of the mass of the profession to a few self-appointed rulers, the transmission of authority by these to their parasites, and the assumption of superiority by the metropolis in the distribution of State medical offices. He is no coward himself, and he cannot brook an unmanly fear in others. His intolerance of all that is mean and disingenuous may at times have led him to acts capable of misinterpretation; but such a fault, if it can be so called, has always been upon the right side. By the older men of the profession, Dr. Lewis' connection with the Journal will be none the less valued because he retains so much of the fire and progressive tendencies of his youth.

Of the NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, he was President from 1860 to 1865. The AMERICAN "JOURNAL OF NUMISMATICS," which has been published since 1866, gives in its first number an able address, on the objects of the Society, delivered by him. Jeremiah Colburn, Esq., has given valuable information relative to both the Society and Journal. He is the President of the Society.

We might further advance our inquiries as to the antecedents of our deceased Brother outside of Masonry, but we forbear. An active and intelligent life of nearly fourscore years, like his, abounds with incidents of general import full of the highest example. Though in the early part of his career he was engrossed with the cares and duties of a laborious profession, we know from his character, that even then, as well as later, he was interested and, as far as possible, active in whatever tended to promote the well-being of society.

That which follows will relate mainly to his Masonic life and Masonic connections. It is proper to state that he was in Europe, after his initiation in 1830, in the years 1849, 1850,

1851, 1865 and 1872. This will account for his non-attendance at Masonic meetings during these periods.

He was initiated into Masonry in COLUMBIAN LODGE, November 3, 1830; crafted January 6, 1831, and raised February 3, 1831. He was proposed for the degrees by the distinguished Dr. Joshua B. Flint, then Master of the Lodge, and who subsequently in 1835, 1836 and 1837, was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. Brother Lewis did not take membership in Columbian Lodge. He was elected an Honorary Member of it May 2, 1861. Twenty years ago he wrote to the author of the history of that Lodge: "Truth and my feelings prompt the declaration that in Masonry I have found the best friends, the best social ties and comforts; and that the 'whitest' hours of my life (apart from my family) have been when surrounded by 'Brothers,' and around that Altar, where heart beats responsive to heart, and all 'mingle into bliss.'" We add to the papers accompanying this report the famous communication of Brother Lewis addressed to the *Mirror* dated Aug. 21, 1830, and signed *Mercator*. The *Mirror* was then edited by our late R.W. Brother Charles W. Moore, but was not exclusively devoted to Masonic subjects.

Brother Lewis became a member of SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, March 3, 1834. It would appear, therefore, that he was not a member of any Lodge from the time he was raised in COLUMBIAN LODGE, February 3, 1831, to March 3, 1834, when his membership commenced with Saint John's Lodge. We present our thanks to Brother James W. Allen, Secretary of Saint John's Lodge, for his letter of Aug. 16, 1875, which we connect herewith. It records the fact that he was elected an honorary member of St. John's Lodge on the 5th of November, 1860.

Boston, August 16, 1875.

E. W. John T. Heard: —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In compliance with your request to the W. Master of Saint John's Lodge, I herewith furnish the following facts from the Records of said Lodge in reference to R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis, M.D., from the date of his membership until his decease.

Brother Winslow Lewis, jr., was proposed for membership at the regular meeting held Feb. 3, 1834, by Brother John B. Hammatt, and was elected to membership, signing the By-Laws at the regular meeting held March 3, 1834.

He was elected an Honorary Member Nov. 5, 1860. He served as Junior Deacon in 1836 and 1841; Junior Warden in 1837, 1838 and 1842; Senior Warden in 1839, 1843 and 1844, and Marshal in 1840, 1845, 1846 and 1847.

At the annual meeting Jan. 6, 1840, Brother Lewis stated to the Lodge that his numerous duties in Masonic Bodies rendered it necessary for him to positively decline a re-election to the position of Senior Warden.

At the annual meeting held Dec. 4, 1843, Brother Lewis was re-elected Senior Warden by a unanimous vote for the succeeding year, but declined accepting; when R.W. Rev. Brother E. M. P. Wells, D.D., was unanimously elected to the position.

At a meeting held Dec. 12, 1843, for the purpose of installing the officers elect for the ensuing year, the following resolution, offered by Brother J. W. Ingraham, was unanimously adopted: —

“Resolved, That the warmest thanks of St. John's Lodge be presented to W. Brother Winslow Lewis, Jr., for the unwearied, faithful and impartial services which he has rendered to this Lodge for a long course of years in various offices, and particularly as Senior Warden of the Lodge.”

At the meeting held Jan. 1, 1844, a letter was received from R.W. Rev. Brother E. M. P. Wells, D.D., resigning his position as Senior Warden of the Lodge, on account of occupying the position of D.D.G. Master for the first Masonic District, and Brother Lewis was again unanimously elected Senior Warden, and was persuaded to accept.

At the annual meeting for election of officers, held Dec. 2, 1844, Brother Lewis again retired from the office of Senior Warden, when, on motion of R.W. Brother Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., the following vote was unanimously adopted:—

“*Voted*, That the Brethren of St. John's Lodge present their thanks to our late Senior Warden, Winslow Lewis, Jr., for his faithful and highly acceptable services as Senior Warden for the past year. As we must ‘part’ with him we are happy that it is on the ‘square;’ comforted that we shall often ‘meet him on the level’ of that good fellowship of which he seems to breathe the spirit. Though his ‘Sun in the West’ has officially ‘set,’ yet we trust it will ‘rise in the East’ ere long yet.”

At the regular meeting of the Lodge on Monday evening, April 3, 1837, Brother Lewis favored the members with a deeply interesting and highly appreciated lecture, translated by him from the French, on Masonry. Many Brethren from other Lodges were present.

He also, at the regular meeting Jan 4, 1841, presented to the Lodge a very beautiful and valuable apron for the use of the presiding officer of the Lodge.

From the records it is ascertained that Brother Lewis was nearly always selected by the W. Masters of the Lodge for many years to serve upon nearly all the most important committees, thereby showing that his services on such committees were indispensable.

At the recent trial in St. John's Lodge, of Past Master and Secretary Solon Thornton, Brother Lewis discharged his duties as Chairman of the Prosecuting Committee, impartially, efficiently, and with a thoroughness above reproach.

Respectfully and fraternally,

JAMES W. ALLEN,

Secretary of St. John's Lodge.

As has already been remarked, Brother Lewis was constant in his attendance on our Communications. His official duties were always performed with alacrity and efficiency. We enumerate the offices he held in Grand Lodge, and the positions he

occupied on Committees and Boards of Trustees established by it: —

Grand Steward in 1833, 1834 and 1835.

Grand Sword Bearer in 1836 and 1837.

Member of Committee of Finance in 1839.

Corresponding Grand Secretary in 1841, 1842, 1843 and 1844.

In 1844 he resigned the office, on his election as Senior Warden of Saint John's Lodge.

Grand Marshal in 1845.

Deputy Grand Master in 1846 and 1847.

Member of Committee on Library (created in 1850). He was first appointed in 1853, and continued to be a member of it until the time of his decease, covering the long period of twenty-three years. During most of this time he was chairman.

Grand Master in 1855, 1856 and 1860.

A Trustee of the Masonic Temple at two different periods.

A Trustee of the Charity Fund for many years.

A member of the Board of Directors in 1859, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1868.

He delivered an address at the installation of December 28, 1840. The address accompanies this report.

He was Grand Master *pro tem.* at the Communication of June 8, 1859, and presided at the installation of Dec., 1870.

To prevent confusion, the names being the same, it is proper to state that his father, Capt. Winslow Lewis, was Junior Grand Warden in 1840, 1841 and 1842. We copy and present the remarks of R.W. Augustus Peabody, Past Grand Master, made in Grand Lodge, June 12, 1850, on his decease; and the resolutions then adopted in relation to the event. The words of Brother Peabody are eloquent and interesting, and contain a very pleasant and complimentary allusion to Winslow Lewis, *junior.*

GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY MEETING,

June 12, 1850.

R.W. Brother Peabody submitted the following remarks and resolutions on the death of R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis, senior, which were adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Records, and a copy forwarded to the family.

One of the seats in the Grand Lodge, heretofore occupied by one of the firmest and most valued supporters of the Order, is vacant.

Since our last Quarterly Meeting, our aged and ever-faithful Brother, Winslow Lewis, senior, has, by the Supreme Master, been called from his field of ever-diligent and useful labors, to his final rest. His cheerful voice will no more encourage the craftsmen, and his wisdom and energy will no longer direct and animate them in their labors.

Brother Lewis was born at Wellfleet, on Cape Cod, on the 11th of May, 1770. His grandfather, the Rev. Isaiah Lewis, who for half a century was minister of Wellfleet, married Abigail Winslow, a descendant of a brother of Governor Winslow. He gave to his oldest son the Christian name of Winslow, and this became a family name.

Our venerable Brother is gone — but *the name is not lost* ; for his son Winslow, a distinguished surgeon of Boston, and who is a Past Deputy Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, still remains an honor to his ancestral name. He is still a constant attendant at our meetings, cheering and encouraging our labors by his wisdom, fidelity and social virtues.

Our lamented Brother, like his father and most of the enterprising young men of his native place, in his youth entered into mercantile pursuits. In early life he rose to the command of a vessel, in which course he continued, enjoying the confidence of his employers, and the love of those whom he commanded, till past middle age, when his extensive experience, and keen and judicious habits of observation, pointed him out to the government as a fit man to superintend the erection and management

of the light-houses along our coast. To that office he was appointed, and continued in it till his death.

Our lamented Brother, in 1791, soon after he became of age, was made a Freemason in Liverpool, England; and in 1793, in London, he was made a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. He was the oldest Royal Arch Mason, and Knight Templar, and perhaps the oldest Mason in the State.

He was fond of relating anecdotes, showing the benefits that he and others, within his knowledge, had received, at sea, and in foreign lands, by reason of being members of the Order.

He belonged to a generation of Freemasons. His father was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, in Boston, in 1765. His son is now with us, and we daily witness his fidelity and attachment to the Order. May the day be far distant when it shall be the duty of any one to speak of his charities as deeds that have passed.

He, whose loss we deplore, was one of the most constant and faithful supporters of the Order. With bold and unflinching firmness he defended and sustained it in those bad times when so many were discouraged, forsook us, and fled. He was called to sustain many important offices, and died a Past Grand Warden, and a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

He was modest and unassuming, but always active in doing good to the Brethren and Lodges around him.

In the latter part of his life he lived in Roxbury; there he became a member and active supporter of Washington Lodge, and it was, in a great measure, owing to his patronage and kind efforts that Washington Lodge emerged from the depression that had long borne it down; and it became one of the most flourishing and active Lodges in the State.

Brother Lewis, through his long life, was enterprising, and habitually industrious and prudent; by moderate and steady accumulation he left an ample fortune.

Through his life he enjoyed almost uninterrupted health. On Saturday, the 11th of May, 1850, the day he was eighty years old, he was apparently in good health, and devoted the early part of the day to the ordinary transactions of his business in Bos-

ton and Charlestown. This eightieth birthday admonished him to set his house in order and prepare for his last great change, which, by the laws of nature, he knew must be near at hand; and he methodically arranged his papers and books, and at night said he had not an outstanding account that was not fully stated and brought to a balance.

All this seemed to be prophetic of his end; for the next morning, May 12, without any apparent cause, a blood-vessel burst in his lungs, which had hitherto appeared to be perfectly sound.

In the course of the day the bleeding at the lungs was staunched. He suffered no pain, but became weak, and more weak every succeeding day. On Friday, May 17, finding that he had no pains, he told his pastor, his confidential friend, that at first he thought the attack would prove speedily fatal, but having continued so long he began to entertain a hope that his strength would so far return that he should be able to attend the Masonic Festival, at Framingham, on the approaching 24th of June.

Soon after this he sunk into insensibility, and constantly became more feeble till the morning of May 20, when, without a struggle, he ceased to breathe.

His habitual modesty, and shrinking from every appearance of ostentation, prevented his expressing a wish to have a Masonic funeral, and the Grand Lodge did not feel at liberty to attend the last solemnities in their regalia; but most of the members of the Grand Lodge, in the vicinity, and a multitude of Brethren and friends, endeared to Brother Lewis by his acts of friendship and kindness, attended his funeral; and as they gazed on his features for the last time testified their sorrow for the loss of a good and just man.

The intellect and benevolent spirit of Winslow Lewis, junior, pervade our proceedings almost from the commencement of his connection with the Masonic Institution. The reports of committees of which he was chairman, and his addresses, as Grand Master, are performances creditable to him and honorable to us.

It is the wish of your committee to lay before you all of these productions of which he was the author. To reports of committees of which he was *not* the chairman, however important, we do not ask your attention, though in some of them, even, his mind and pen evidently appear. His reports as chairman of committees on subjects relating to the granting of Charters, on By-Laws, etc., we do not present.

Obituary resolutions which from time to time were presented by him to this Grand Lodge, in honor of the memory of its deceased members, are models of tribute to departed worth. We give several examples of them.

His reports on the Library of this Grand Lodge, in the formation of which he took an absorbing interest for many years, will be read by all Masons with due appreciation of his labors to establish this instrument of great benefit to Masonry. The first Committee on the Library was created in 1850. Its members were George M. Randall (afterwards Bishop of Colorado), C. Gayton Pickman and Lucius R. Paige, D.D. The same Brethren served in 1851, and probably in 1852, though the record does not so state. In 1853 the members of the committee were Lucius R. Paige, C. Gayton Pickman and Winslow Lewis. The same Brethren acted in 1854. In 1855 the members of the committee were Winslow Lewis, George M. Randall and Charles W. Moore. From this time until 1872 Brother Lewis was chairman. Afterwards, though he still remained on the committee, Past Grand Master Sereno D. Nickerson performed the duties of chairman, through whose labors, as well as those of Dr. Lewis, the Library, it is no exaggeration to say, has become one of the most complete Masonic libraries in the world.

Our first library (not that purchased fifty years ago or longer, of Rev. Dr. Harris, the books of which appear not to have been taken care of, and were soon lost) was destroyed by fire at the

burning of Freemasons' Hall on the 6th of April, 1864. In its formation our Brother Lewis was greatly interested. He had contributed to its shelves many rare and valuable Masonic works. No one more than he realized our loss; but, undaunted, he at once set at work, almost without aid, to establish another library. His enthusiasm in this labor was unbounded. The limited funds of the Grand Lodge he brought into requisition, and, imitating his own example, contributed to the re-creation of a collection of Masonic publications which he deemed necessary to the Masonic student. He found in Brother Nickerson a sympathizing and faithful coadjutor; hence the magnificent Library we possess. We would bring the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subjoined reports on the Library, and to a private letter to Brother Heard, dated April 10, 1864, on the subject of the destruction of the Library. The letter is so eminently characteristic of the writer, and so sparkling, that it should not be withheld.

Another great work of our lamented Brother was the procuring of the portraits of the Grand Masters who served previously to 1855, with the exception only of two, those of the Hon. Timothy Bigelow and Gen. Elijah Crane. He wrote: "To obtain this result has required great perseverance, a large sacrifice of time and patience, and much of personal toil." What, then, must have been his feelings, on the morning of the 6th of April, 1864, to see nothing but ashes remaining of this valuable collection! His report "on portraits," made to Grand Lodge, December 12, 1855, will be read with interest and appreciation.

His addresses to the Grand Lodge, while he was Grand Master, though terse, as most of his writings and speeches were, were distinguished for wisdom, beauty of style, warmth of fraternal feeling, and apt quotations from the Latin classics

for which he was celebrated. We annex these papers to this report, and advise their republication ; not alone because they emanated from Dr. Lewis, but because they afford much information relative to the condition of the Fraternity at that time, and especially of the Lodges in Massachusetts, which will be new and interesting to our Brethren of the present day. Twenty years ago, our printed Proceedings embraced only about three hundred copies, of which of course few are now to be found, and of their contents but a small number of Masons, now active, have any knowledge.

In June, 1833, President Andrew Jackson (Past Grand Master of Tennessee), with his cabinet, visited Boston. We copy the proceedings of our Grand Lodge at the Communication held on the 22d of June, 1833, as related in the *Mirror* of 1833, at which Hon. Joel R. Poinsett, one of his suite, was present. At an entertainment given to Bro. Poinsett, by Masons, he was addressed by Brother Lewis, whose address we now lay before you. It is believed that it has never been printed.

We have already mentioned the fact, of Dr. Lewis being an Honorary Member of COLUMBIAN LODGE, — his *alma mater* in Masonry, — and that he was elected an Honorary Member of SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, November 5, 1860 ; and would now instance the other Masonic Bodies with which he was thus related : —

LOGE CLÉMENTE AMITIÉ, Paris, France. We wrote to the Lodge on the 6th ultimo, giving information of the decease of Brother Lewis. It is too soon to receive a reply. In 1855, our Brother was a member of this society ; but how long before that date is unknown to us.

PYTHAGORAS LODGE, No. 86, of New York city. We have written to the Lodge, informing it of the death of its honored member, but have had no response. We had the name of no

officer to whom to address our letter, so that it may have miscarried. It is probable that he was elected a member September 1, 1855.

He was an Honorary Member of ROBERT LASH LODGE, of Chelsea. R.W. Brother Tracy P. Cheever writes as follows, under the date of August 11th last:—

“Upon inspection of the records of Robert Lash Lodge, it appears that R.W. Brother Lewis was admitted an Honorary Member on February 26th, 1868. His name, with that of each of the other Past Grand Masters of Massachusetts, was submitted for Honorary Membership, January 22, 1868, at the first Regular Communication of the Lodge after its constitution; and the proposition (made by myself) was perhaps the first official business of the Lodge after it became fully empowered to work.

“Brother Lewis, not only in his private conversations with me, but in his addresses to the Lodge, of which he made several at the Quarterly Meetings, which he attended when his health permitted, expressed the warmest interest in and attachment to the Lodge, the founders of which he had known for many years in connection with Star of Bethlehem Lodge and in other Masonic connections. Moreover, there were some peculiar features about the Lodge which seemed to attract him, and which gave vivacity to his spirits when among us. We had our own songs, sung by our own choir,—our special merry-makings at the Quarterlies, and all the Past Grand Masters in Honorary Membership with us,—good feasts and good times, with no ostentation and no great expense. Besides, he had a very affectionate regard for our departed Brother, for whom the Lodge was named, and with whom he was for many years most intimately associated, and more especially in the dark days. I hardly think there was a Masonic Body with which he

was connected, with the exception of Winslow Lewis Lodge, with which his whole connection was more thoroughly genial and enjoyable than with Robert Lash Lodge. That Lodge will long mourn his departure to the higher sphere; and, take him for all in all, I think the babe is yet unborn who shall see his superior in all that pertains to a noble manhood."

Our Brother, Fred C. Blocklinger, Secretary of GERMANIA LODGE, of Boston, writes to your committee:—

"Our late beloved Brother, Dr. Winslow Lewis, was made an Honorary Member of Germania Lodge, March 24, 1856, and has been called by the members, 'Father of the Lodge.'"

WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, after serving under Dispensation, was chartered by the Grand Lodge on the 10th of December, 1856. One of the articles of its by-laws, section three, under provisions for membership, reads thus:—

"Our M.W. Brother Winslow Lewis is hereby declared to be an Honorary Member of this Lodge, with all the rights and privileges usually appertaining to such membership."

Between this Lodge and Brother Lewis the most cordial relations always existed. He contributed liberally to its Library; he embellished the walls of its Sodality room with valuable paintings and engravings; and placed in its archives documents of rare excellence. These acts denote that he felt *honored* by the Lodge in the name it had adopted. At the consecration of the Lodge, December 26, 1856, he delivered an address before it, marked with learning, but still more for its good, sound practical instruction. It accompanies this report.

He was made an Honorary Member of Kane Lodge, No. 454, in the jurisdiction of the State of New York, on the 16th of February, 1875. The Worshipful Master, Ira Chase, wrote to

the committee, in reply to the announcement by them of the death of Brother Lewis, in these words:—

“I have to-day [Aug. 20th] received your letter of Aug. 12th. The Lodge has called off for the summer. On our resuming work, the death of our lamented Brother, R.W. Winslow Lewis, M. D., will be duly announced, when the action of the Lodge will be communicated to you. He was elected an Honorary Member Feb. 16, 1875. Accepting an invitation from me, he visited the Lodge, June 1, 1875, and was most cordially received, with several other officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts. I myself was too ill to be present on that occasion, much to my regret. He, however, visited me at my house, and at my bedside greeted me in his usual tenderness, with a kiss of fraternal love. I had known him from my boyhood and loved him dearly. The certificate of membership, prepared by order of the Lodge, I presented to him at the Temple, in Boston, accompanied by a letter, a copy of which I herewith enclose. This will give you some idea of the esteem and affection of KANE Lodge for the distinguished and lamented Brother, whose death we, in common with you and the whole Fraternity, sincerely mourn. Well may we say of him:—

“ ‘Life’s blessings all enjoyed,
Life’s labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he pass’d,
While the soft memory of his virtues yet
Lingers like twilight hues,
When the bright sun is set.’ ”

The certificate to which Brother Chase refers is beautifully written, and enclosed in a frame of artistic excellence. They are in possession of WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, where they will be safely guarded. The letter referred to as accompanying the certificate we append hereto.

The Lodge L’UNION FRANÇAISE we have written to, to inquire as to the relations Dr. Lewis held to it, but no response has, as

yet, been received. It is probable that they were those of an Honorary Member.

[The following is a copy of a note received from Worshipful Brother H. Whittaker, Jr., Master of the L'UNION FRANÇAISE LODGE, dated at New York, 21st September, 1875: "I must apologize for not having sooner answered your letter of the 25th of August, which I only received on my return from the country on the 18th inst.

"I have endeavored in the mean time to obtain such information as I could as to the relations of our late Right Worshipful Brother Winslow Lewis, with the L'UNION FRANÇAISE, No. 17, but regret to say that it is but meagre, as none of the Brethren who are now members of the Lodge were so at the time he was made a member.

"I find from our archives, that the lamented Brother in question was created an Honorary Member of L'UNION FRANÇAISE, No. 17, at the Regular Communication of February 10, 1856.

"At our Regular Communication, held on the 13th of September, instant, due Masonic honors were paid to the memory of R.W. Brother Lewis; R.W. Brother Henry C. Banks (a visitor) delivering an eloquent and appropriate address on the occasion."]

To the SOMERSET LODGE of Norwich, Conn., we have addressed inquiries as to his connection with it, and whether he had addressed it by letter or otherwise, it being understood that he had done so. .

[Since the date of this report, the committee have received a letter from the Master of SOMERSET LODGE, Worshipful B. H. Rogers, enclosing a copy of Brother Lewis' letter acknowledging the compliment of his election as an Honorary Member of the Lodge, and the resolutions passed by the Lodge in honor of his memory. These papers accompany our report.]

He was an Honorary Member of the DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, having been elected Oct. 27th, 1858. We would bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the feeling letter of the Commander, Sir John M. Clark, and the interesting communication of the Recorder, Sir George Phippen, jr.

We have reason to believe that Brother Lewis stands on the records of the WINSLOW LEWIS COMMANDERY of Salem, Mass., as Honorary Member, though we have no positive information of the fact. A memorandum in our possession affirms that he was elected to this membership December 28, 1869.

We learn from the Recorder, Brother Charles H. Beatty, that he was admitted to Honorary Membership in PALESTINE COMMANDERY on the 5th of June, 1871.

We had supposed that he was a member (honorary) of the LODGE OF SAINT ANDREW; but the Secretary informs us he was not. He, W. Brother William F. Davis, writes, that "the secretary was ever directed to serve [on Brother Lewis] notices of our meetings, Regular, Special and Quarterly, and he was very seldom absent." Addresses of Brother Lewis at the centennial of this Lodge, on the 30th November, 1856, and at its memorial celebration in honor of our late Brother Charles W. Moore's half-century connection with Masonry, will be found hereto connected.

In 1867, Brother Lewis was Corresponding Member of the UNION OF GERMAN FREEMASONS at Leipsic.

We here present a communication for which we are indebted to the very great kindness of our Right Worshipful Brother Samuel C. Lawrence. It states with great clearness what positions Dr. Lewis held in the Masonic Bodies to which it refers:—

Sir Winslow Lewis, M.D., was dubbed a Knight of the

Red Cross in the Boston Encampment, now known as the Boston Commandery, March 2, 1832, was created a Knight Templar therein March 16, 1832, and became a member thereof May 16, 1832. He presided over the Encampment, with the title of Most Eminent Commander, from Oct. 16, 1844, to Oct. 21, 1846, and was elected one of its few Honorary Members Dec. 15, 1856. He served as Generalissimo of the Encampment from Oct. 19, 1853, to Oct. 19, 1859, doing, in various ways, most excellent service.

He was not long since elected an Honorary Member of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templars of Philadelphia, Penn. [The Recorder Sir C. C. Burns writes that he was unanimously elected on the 25th June, 1869.]

He was Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Mass. and R. I., 1848, 1849, and presided over that Grand Body with the title of Most Eminent Grand Master, 1858, 1859.

He was Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States in 1859.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Winslow Lewis, M.D., received the 14th degree in Boston Grand Lodge of Perfection in 1845, and was created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in 1860. He was elevated to the 33d degree, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council, N. M. J., May 16, 1861.

On the 20th of May, 1861, he was elected Grand Secretary General H. E. of the Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., and served four years until his resignation, on the 17th of May, 1865.

He was elected, May 15, 1861, First Lieut. Commander of the Sov. Grand Consistory, 32°, a legislative body appendant to the Supreme Council, 33°, N. M. J.; and on the 20th of May, 1861, as Gr. Sec. Gen. of the Supreme Council, he became ex officio Val. Gr. Secretary, Keeper of the Seals and Archives, of the Sov. Grand Consistory, which office he held four years, until May 17, 1865.

He was a few years since elected an Honorary Member of Massachusetts Consistory, 32°.

He was also an Honorary Member of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, Boston.

Worshipful William D. Stratton wrote to the committee on the 28th ult., in answer to inquiries, thus : —

Brother Lewis received the degrees in the Lodge of Perfection (from the 4th to 14th inclusive) about the year 1845, and some time after that he, with Gen. Sutton, received some of the higher degrees in the city of New York.

As all records appertaining to the Ancient Accepted Rite were destroyed at the burning of the Winthrop House, it is very difficult to obtain reliable information upon any previous matter.

My first acquaintance with him [Brother Lewis] in the Rite was in the year 1863, when he held the position of presiding officer of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, which position he held for one year; and from the time the Chapter was organized (in 1863) he was a *constant attendant* at the meetings.

Brother Lewis was admitted a member of Saint Paul's Chapter, Boston, in October, 1831, he having been exalted on the 27th of September previous. He served as Scribe in 1833 and 1834, and again in 1841; as King in 1835, 1836 and 1837; and as High Priest in 1838 and 1839. He received the Order of High Priesthood in the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests January 8, 1839, and was a member from that time until his death. He never held any office in that Body. He was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in 1849, which constituted him a "*permanent member*" until his death. "He always," says Brother Rev. J. W. Dadmun, "manifested a lively interest in both of these Bodies [Mass. Con. of H. Priests and Grand Chapter of Mass.], and contributed largely to their prosperity." He be-

came an Honorary Member of St. Paul's Chapter in 1856. Brother Theodore H. Emmons, under date of Aug. 20th, 1875, writes to your committee thus: "During the anti-Masonic days, Companion Lewis was ever active and vigilant; striving to the utmost of his ability to keep alive the interest of the members in the Chapter, and at the several convocations when there was no work. He instituted a course of scientific lectures, delivered by himself, our late Comp. Flint, Dr. Smith and others. Of late years his increasing duties (as he has often told me) in Lodge, Gr. Lodge, and Ineffable Masonry, engrossed his time, so he could only occasionally drop in and see us. Yet his heart was always with us, and we could always rely on his presence when any important matter was before us."

We beg to bring prominently to your attention the letter of Hon. and R.W. Josiah H. Drummond (Past Grand Master of Maine), who is now the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33d A. A. S. Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. It sketches the character of Dr. Lewis so graphically and so tenderly, yet truthfully, that we at once recognize the portrayal as one of great fidelity. Besides the tribute to his memory, the letter conveys information of value to many Brethren.

PORTLAND, August 21, 1875.

R.W. AND DEAR BROTHER:—Your favor was duly received, but the session of our Supreme Council 33° was held this week, terminating yesterday, and as I was the presiding officer, my time has literally been so occupied that I have had no opportunity to reply to it till this, which I embrace with pleasure.

The degrees to which you refer are sometimes called the Ineffable Degrees, but the more appropriate term is "Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite." They are sometimes called simply the Scottish Rite, to distinguish them from the York Rite. The Lodge, Chapter, etc., degrees are known as the York Rite, but with little propriety perhaps.

The Ancient and Accepted Series is also founded on the *third* degree, and embraces as *working* degree, twenty-nine, from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive, and one *official* degree, known as the *thirty-third*.

Strictly speaking, this Rite embraces thirty-three degrees, including the first, second and third; but in countries in which Grand Lodges are established, the first, second and third are never worked; but we take as candidates for the *fourth* degree, Master Masons of the York Rite. Your impression (which is the popular one) that our degrees commence after the Commandery degrees is, therefore, not correct. Indeed, we have at least *one* (if not *more*) Mason of the thirty-third degree who is not a Templar.

I am unable to give you the desired information as to Dr. Lewis; but he undoubtedly received the degrees in the *Boston* Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; unless he received those from 19 to 32 inclusive in Lowell; I think Brother W. D. Stratton can inform you as to those from 4 to 18, and Brother Gardner as to those from 19 to 32. He must have received the latter in the early part of 1860.

The Grand Mastership of this Rite is not vested in one person, but in several, forming a Supreme Council originally composed of *nine*; but in this jurisdiction it is composed now of *fifty*. Dr. Lewis was elected a member for life of this Council, May 16, 1861, and elevated to the official degree (the *thirty-third*) on that day. In 1862, on the resignation of Brother Moore, he was elected Grand Secretary General, was re-elected in 1863 for three years, but resigned, in 1865, on account of his trip to Europe.

I believe he was the most dearly beloved member of our Supreme Council, and by all, while he commanded universal respect. Old enough to be my father, I loved him as a brother, and almost as the *youngest* brother of the household. The youngest brother is the favorite, the pet of the whole family, and Brother Lewis was so young in spirits that I never *could* count him as *old*, but as one whose love had all the freshness and enthusiasm of youth. Do I make myself understood? I

loved Brother Moore, but with my love there mingled a *veneration*, which was not an element in my love for Brother Lewis. I believe you will recognize and appreciate the distinction.

If you do not obtain all the information that you need, advise me and I will have it obtained. As ever,

Yours fraternally,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

R.W. BROTHER JOHN T. HEARD.

At the session of the Supreme Council 33°, recently held in Portland, Maine, resolutions were passed appropriate to the loss sustained by the Council by Bro. Lewis' death.

The last *open* Lodge at which our lamented Brother was present was that of "A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," "held on Saturday, the third day of July, A.L. 5875, A.D. 1875, for the purpose of commemorating the centennial celebration of that day when our illustrious Brother General George Washington, under the old elm at Cambridge, assumed command of the Colonial Forces, soon to become, under his generalship, the Army of the United States."

The Grand Lodge opened in *AMPLE FORM* at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, at 10 o'clock, A.M., and closed at the same place at 8 o'clock, P.M.; during the whole of which period Brother Lewis was with us.

Some of the Brethren noticed that in the morning he was not as cheerful as usual; but during the day he recovered his wonted joyful spirits and seemed to be himself. At the banquet at Memorial Hall, in Cambridge, he appeared to listen to the eloquent speeches, and the lively and humorous poem by Dr. Holmes, which were there delivered, with attention and interest, and retired apparently as well as usual.

On their return to Boston, it will be remembered, the Grand Lodge accepted the elegant hospitality of R.W. Brother

Henry Endicott, whose residence is in Cambridgeport. After spending an hour there, during which Brother Lewis entered into the spirit of the occasion in his old-time manner, he moved a vote of thanks to Brother Endicott "for his generous hospitality to the Grand Lodge." This was his last formal Masonic act.

On the following Monday, July 5th, he met the members of Winslow Lewis Lodge in their sodality room for the purpose of celebrating Independence Day (the Fourth occurring on Sunday), according to their custom; and entered into the pleasures of the occasion apparently with his accustomed geniality and sociability.

Many of the papers accompanying this report we have not specially referred to; but all of them are interesting through our Brother Lewis' connection with them either as writer or otherwise. With the exception of the Memoir of Dr. Lewis by Bro. Sheppard, which is placed first on the list, they are arranged nearly chronologically, in order to facilitate the finding of any special one which may be sought for.

Besides the Brethren whom we have named as aiding us in our inquiries several others have cheerfully assisted us. Indeed, no one was applied to for information who did not respond with alacrity.

We submit the subjoined resolutions, written by Brother Nickerson, for the action of the Grand Lodge, and recommend their adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. HEARD,
WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE,
WILLIAM PARKMAN,
CHARLES C. DAME,
WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF R.W. WINSLOW LEWIS,
M.D.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to remove to the Celestial Lodge above our late Senior Past Grand Master, R.W. Winslow Lewis, and *whereas* it is eminently fit and proper that this Grand Lodge should place upon permanent record the expression of its sense of the great loss thereby sustained by the Fraternity in general, and of Massachusetts in particular; therefore,

Resolved, That we gratefully appreciate the independence and courage manifested by our honored Brother in connecting himself with our Institution at a time when men spoke ill of it, and despitefully used it, when hundreds of Lodges were being closed without form, and thousands of Brethren were fleeing in confusion and dismay.

Resolved, That we remember with gratitude also the active and laborious part that he assumed in the work of Masonry at the very outset of his career as a Mason, and continued so devotedly and so acceptably until the very close of his life.

Resolved, That by his pure and unsullied private life, his wide-spread and exalted professional reputation, his unselfish and unstinted charities, his kindly and generous thoughtfulness and consideration for all who came within the circle of his acquaintance; by his many graceful and scholarly contributions to our records and literature, his always genial and happy participation in the pleasures of social life; in short, by his keen and profound appreciation and conscientious and life-long maintenance of the dignity and high character of the good and true Mason, he shed a lustre upon our Institution and justly earned the profound respect, affection and gratitude of the whole Fraternity.

Resolved, That, while we are deeply sensible of the loss sustained by all who knew him, and therefore loved him, we look back upon his long, useful and happy life with unalloyed satisfaction, and to his future we look forward with calm and hopeful confidence.

Resolved, That in the record of this honorable career a bright and shining example is presented worthy of the imitation of each of his Brethren.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge most respectfully and affectionately tenders to the family of our deceased Brother the assurance of our most sincere sympathy in their great bereavement, and our profound respect for the memory of the deceased, and that the Recording Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions.

The following memoir of Dr. Winslow Lewis was written by R.W. Bro. John H. Sheppard and published in the "NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER," with portrait, in Vol. xvii., pp. 1-13, for the year 1863:—

The Committee of Publication, having obtained the Portrait of the President of our Genealogical Society for the January number of the *Register*, wished to procure a brief memoir and pedigree to accompany it, such as may be justly drawn of the living, without adulation on the one hand or a fastidious neglect of merit on the other. This grateful task has been assigned to the writer of this article.

The lineage of Dr. Winslow Lewis carries us back to the first settlement of New England, and is associated with stirring recollections of early history. We are reminded also that the grand object of our Society and of its publications — now extending over sixteen volumes of various and condensed material for the biographer and historian — is to preserve those numerous links of consanguinity which connect the lives and deeds of the Pilgrim Fathers and Colonial emigrants with their present descendants, and show the source and progress of our prosperous institution. True it is, that to trace a descent beyond a few degrees of ancestry, is no small labor, requires the patience of one who watches the gnomon of a sun-dial as it shadows out the hours, and is often surrounded with doubts and difficulties. Like Old Mortality bringing from darkness to light the buried names of the dead, the genealogist must at times make his

dwelling among the tombs ; but, the picture is not always so gloomy either in the land of our forefathers or in this country. There he will sometimes light upon the glorious old progenitor of a family he is searching for, as he muses over the ruins of feudal castles, or treads the aisles of some ancient cathedral, or the walks of a hallowed churchyard. And here in our own New England, as he wanders away from beautiful villages and splendid cities, and, with history for his guide, seeks the primeval wilderness and shores of the stormy cape, he may see, with a thrill of joy, the name of the long-sought ancestor he is in pursuit of, engraven, as it were, on the rock of Plymouth, never to be effaced till the waves of fire shall pass over this planet, and a new earth and a new heaven shall appear.

Time, which often travels in the path of history, not by years, but by centuries, has already begun to throw around the landing of the Pilgrims the halo of antiquity — like that aureola of classic celebrity which, seen through the vista of ages, surrounds Jason and his brave companions in the first great maritime enterprise of which we have any account — the Argonautic expedition. Let us for a moment compare it with the voyage of the *MAYFLOWER*.

The Argonautic expedition was a passage of a few hundred miles from Argos in Greece, to Colchis in the Euxine ; coasting along the shores of the *Ægean* sea, they entered the narrow straits of the Dardanelles, crossed the small sea of Marmora, and then from headland to headland reached the desired haven ; secure of a safe harbor in storms, and never out of sight of land. Their motive was only an earthly ambition — their object, the golden fleece, guarded by the Minotaur ; a beautiful allegory of commercial enterprise. But the voyage of the *MAYFLOWER* was exposed to greater perils, and infinitely more exalted in motive and object. A band of Christian exiles, leaving their fatherland and their kindred to return no more, adventured in a small bark upon a mighty ocean — for days and weeks and months subjected to hardships and tempests — nought but the sky and a boundless sea above and around them — and before them the approach to an iron-bound coast, and the dreary scene of a com-

ing winter. They had no thread of Ariadne to guide them in the labyrinth of woods and hostile tribes. Yet they leaned on an invisible arm. They were sustained by faith in the ALMIGHTY, and cheered by the grandeur and magnificence of their aim. It was a voyage in pursuit of religious freedom and independence—to build a church on the hill-top, and plant a school-house in the valley; and while they were “seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,” they were laying the foundations of an empire on earth. The Argonautic expedition has been eternized in the classic songs of antiquity. The MAYFLOWER yet waits for the poet to do it justice; and it may be centuries before one shall descend from Heaven to gather up the sweet memories and glorious events in the lives of the Pilgrim fathers, and set them like another *Æneid* to everlasting music.

Indeed, the landing of the Pilgrims on the rock of Plymouth and the battle fought at Bunker Hill, in the first dawn of Independence, which is consecrated by a majestic obelisk on the spot, are two great epochs in our history; and while there is any worth in genealogy, or any virtue in patriotism, the localities where these events occurred will be hallowed in memory, and inspire every American bosom to preserve the UNION as the apple of the eye.

“Spots, there are, forgotten never,
Spots, where freemen died or won;
Glory shines on them forever,
As it shone on MARATHON.”

A descent from one of those heroes and self-denying men, who came out in the Mayflower, or soon after emigrated to the Bay State and were leaders in the colonial history of Massachusetts, carries on its face a seal of heraldry, equal, to say the least, to any armorial bearings in the escutcheon of ancestral fame. Is not the name of WINSLOW enough to emblazon the character of his posterity, wherever his blood flows in their veins? Say what we will, there is something which charms us in the transmission of hereditary virtue and nobleness of heart. It speaks in the very features of the face as a successive generation appears;

and if delicacy did not forbid a personal allusion to the living, I could now refer to a striking instance, — the commanding figure and fine expression of countenance in a statesman and orator who is yet spared to remind us of the distinguished ancestor from whom he has lineally descended. Indeed the physiognomy of the Conscript Fathers and masters of the Eternal City is often seen in the noble expression of the Italian peasant, and was peculiarly exemplified in the Roman visage, so like an exquisitely chiselled piece of statuary, of the Great Napoleon.

The name of Lewis, under a variety of spelling, is very ancient, and embraces many large families in England and Wales. In the *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, vol. xi., p. 259, there is a "List of the pedigrees contained in W^m Pavers consolidated Visitations of Yorkshire," in 1584, 1612 and 1665, and in that county alone there are fourteen generations of Lewis.

Several families of the same surname emigrated from England at different periods, the posterity of which is numerous, and according to Farmer's *Gen. Register* (published in 1829), thirty-eight descendants of the race of Lewis have been educated at different colleges in New England, and by the Triennial Catalogue of Harvard College, 1860, we find there had been twelve of its alumni called Lewis, and three by the name of Lewes. Before we touch upon the stirps or common ancestor of Dr. Lewis, it may be worth while to cast a passing glance at some of the other emigrants of the same patronymic, who came early to this country, whether north or south of Mason and Dixon's line. Perhaps a general and comprehensive volume of these pedigrees would disclose more consanguinity than we suspect, and would include many distinguished men; but such a work requires patient labor and some expenditure.

May 15, 1635; among the passengers to "Virginea" at that time, in the *Plain Joan*, Richard Buckam, Master, "who brought attestation of their conformity to the orders and discipline of the Church of England," with their corresponding ages, is that of Robert Lewis, a. 23; also another list of emigrants to the same colony, 1634-5, contains John Lewis, a. 23. (*Register*, vol. xv., pp. 112, 212.) In the *Hercules of Sandwich*, John Wetherly,

Master, "bound for the plantation" in New England, with certificates from ministers of good character, etc., was John Lewis of Tenterden in Kent, with Sarah his wife, and one child. Their certificate was from Jno. Gee, Vicar of Tenterden, 20 Feb. 1634; John Austin, Mayor, and Freegift Stace, Jurat, 1 March, 1634. (Ibid., vol. xv., p. 28.) He was brother of GEORGE LEWIS, of Barnstable, who resided at and became a freeman of Scituate, 1637, ancestor of Dr. Lewis. So careful were the early progenitors of New England to maintain a good character at home, of which they could carry vouchers abroad. George Lewis, who settled in Maine, is mentioned in the first volume of *Maine Hist. Col.* as one who received a grant of fifty acres at Backcove (Falmouth), in 1640, and died there July, 1683. Mr. Willis, whose great accuracy and research are seldom, if ever, at fault, suggests that he was the son of George of Scituate, but it could not be so, as that son George lived at Barnstable, and died March 20, 1710.

A family of this name settled very early at Marblehead, for in the Petition against Imports (1688) by certain inhabitants of that port, there appears the name of James Lewis. (*Register*, vol. ix., p. 81.) The ancestors of Samuel G. Lewis, from whom the massy mole in this city, called Lewis Wharf, derives its name, and which originated from the Lewis Wharf Company in 1834, were emigrants from England.

In that elaborate work by the learned Jas. Savage, LL. D., a monument of great industry, and destined to be of surpassing value to the future student of New England pedigrees, under the title of LEWIS, vol. iii., p. 84, five closely printed pages are devoted to this name, embracing fifty-three heads of families, alphabetically arranged, and including the progenitors of Dr. Lewis. The earliest emigrant among them seems to have been Thomas Lewis, who, having examined the eastern coast under a patent from the Council of Plymouth, Feb. 12, 1630, conveying lands east of Saco river, took possession of the premises June 25 of the same year. This is referred to in *Maine Hist. Collections*, vol. i., p. 16; also Felt's *Ecclest. Hist. of New England*, vol. i., p. 153. Emigrants came out in 1630, 1635, settling on the

Cape, in Charlestown, Boston, Malden, Lynn, Cambridge, and other places. From John Lewis, one of the early settlers in Malden, was descended the late Alonzo Lewis, author of the *History of Lynn*, according to the careful researches of Thos. B. Wyman, Jr., Esq., a member of our Society. Edmund Lewis, who embarked with his wife on board the *Elizabeth* in April, 1634, settled at Lynn in 1643. Another John Lewis, in 1669, was one of the fathers of Westerly, R. I. He is spoken of in the *Register*, vol. xiv., p. 167, as a free inhabitant of that place in 1669, who had six children; his numerous progeny are enumerated.

To recapitulate, however, the different progenitors of this name, and the places to which they emigrated, would exceed our limits; but a recurrence to a few of them may throw some light on the early settlement of our country. Among them we find that Daniel Lewis, 1679, was one of the founders of Westerly, R. I., and William Lewis, whose son Ezekiel married a daughter of that celebrated teacher, Master Ezekiel Cheever, who wrote a Latin grammar superior to all the abstractions of modern improvement, was among the early settlers of Farmington, Conn. One of the descendants of Deacon Joseph Lewis, who settled in Waterbury, Conn., before 1700, died April 28, 1855, at Southington, Conn., was Chauncey Lewis, aged 95, a soldier of the Revolution, and at one time one of Washington's Life Guards. There were very many of the name of John, one of whom settled in Portsmouth; another in Falmouth, from whom the Hon. Samuel Lewis of Cincinnati, who died July, 1854, was descended; and another went to Saybrook; Joseph settled in New London, 1666, and William, in Cambridge, 1632.

William Lewis, grandfather of Rev. Ezekiel Lewis, who graduated at Harvard University in 1695, was from Newtown (Cambridge), and belonged to the Braintree company. He went to Hartford in 1636, and thence to Farmington, Conn. He came out in the *Lion*, 1632. Robert Lewis, who settled in Newbury, 1644, emigrated in the *Blessing*, Capt. Leicester, 1635. His name is spelt Lewes in Drake's *Result of Researches*. In Freeman's *History of Cape Cod*, vol. i., p. 614, it is remarked

that one of the prominent men, which the Cape contributed in great numbers to Maine in its early settlement, Maj. George Lewis, died this year (1855) at an advanced age. He emigrated in 1784 to Gorham; his eldest son, Hon. Winthrop Lewis, born 1764, died 1822, and "was a model of public virtue." His second son, Rev. James Lewis of Gorham, was a man of great piety and success in the ministry, born 1770, died Aug. 19, 1855, aged 86. The late Hon. Lathrop Lewis, of Gorham, was a direct descendant of the first George Lewis, of Barnstable, (*Register*, vol. II., p. 305.)

The origin of the Lewis family, without much doubt, is Welsh. Indeed, there is at this day in England a distinguished instance of this patronymic, Sir George Cornwall Lewis, one of Her Majesty's secretaries of state, by birth a Welshman, educated at Oxford, where he was the first scholar of his class, an accomplished author, and a powerful and eloquent advocate in favor of the American Union, now at war with the rebels. The patriot, Francis Lewis, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was also born in Wales. Gen. Washington had a brother-in-law by the name of Lawrence Lewis.

Dr. Winslow Lewis was descended more immediately from the Rev. Isaiah Lewis and his wife Abigail, daughter of Kenelm Winslow, a lineal descendant from Edward Winslow, of England, in the fifth generation. Gov. Hutchinson, in his remarks on the death of Gov. Edward Winslow, says: "He was a gentleman of the best family of any of the Plymouth planters, his father, Edward Winslow, Esq., being a person of some figure at Droughtwich, in Worcestershire." The pedigree of each family, the Winslow and Lewis branch, commencing at Edward Winslow in England and Geo. Lewis of Barnstable, so far as a careful and diligent investigation will allow, will be given in the next number of the *Register*. Some of the descendants on each side have been distinguished in their day and ought to be noticed, particularly Gov. Edward Winslow, with whom Dr. Lewis can only claim consanguinity through the father, their common ancestor. A brief account of this eminent and good man, though it may contain nothing new, yet may refresh the memory

of the reader ; the beautiful spot where he dwelt, after continuing for several generations in the possession of the family, became part and parcel of the domain of the great American orator, Daniel Webster, who lived and died there ; and near whose tomb the surges of ocean seem to sing their sad requiem, and where many a lover of his country has dropped a tear at the loss of a statesman, whose counsels in these calamitous times of rebellion are so much needed.

Edward Winslow, the eldest son of Edward and Magdalen Winslow, of Droitwich, Worcestershire, England, was born October 19th, 1595. He was well educated, but at what seminary is unknown. While he was travelling in Europe, in 1617, he met Mr. Robinson at Leyden, joined his church, and came out with the Pilgrims in the Mayflower. He was one of five brothers who emigrated from England, viz. : Gilbert with him ; John in the Fortune, 1621 ; Kenelm and Josiah before 1632. At the close of the voyage the celebrated covenant was drawn, in which he was the third signer. His wife Elizabeth died about three months after their arrival, and within six or seven weeks he married Susanna, widow of William White, for whom she had been in mourning only two and a half months. But the times were pressing. Their marriage was the first one solemnized in the emigration. He was sent in July, 1621, by Gov. Carver, with Stephen Hopkins, on an embassy to the great sachem Massasoit, at Pokanoket, with the present of "a horseman's great coat of red cotton," which charmed and conciliated his majesty. On the way they were regaled with bread called maziun, and the spawn of shads, which they ate with a spoon. His next excursion was to the Island of Monhegan, in 1622, to obtain bread for the fishermen. He visited Massasoit again in 1623, who was sick, and he was the means of restoring him to health. In the autumn of that year he was sent out as colonial agent to England ; and while absent prepared his narrative called, "Good News from N. E.," which was printed in 66 quarto pages. (See vol. VIII., 239-270.) In 1624 he again visited England, and on his return was elected one of the assistants, that body having been enlarged to five.

He was chosen governor in 1633. In 1635 he went again to England as agent. There for seventeen weeks he was confined in the Fleet prison, on complaint of Thomas Morton, for teaching Plymouth church and for solemnizing marriage. On his return home he was elected governor in 1636, and again in 1644. He narrowly escaped death in his expedition to Kennebec, in 1642. The Indians had formed a conspiracy against the English; one of them, knowing that Mr. Winslow was in the habit of walking within the palisadoes, prepared to shoot him, and was on the watch. Mr. Winslow, not seeing him, nor suspecting anything, but thinking he had walked enough, went suddenly into the house, and God preserved him. (See Savage's *Winthrop*, p. 269.) The world does not sufficiently reflect, that our GREAT CREATOR, as the FATHER OF SPIRITS, can put thoughts into our mind and thereby shield us from danger. He was much interested in civilizing and converting the poor Indians. In May 8, 1655, he was appointed by Oliver Cromwell one of the three on a committee to conduct an expedition against the Spanish possessions in the West Indies. From the disagreement of the commanders and unfit state of the troops, they were at first defeated; and Gov. Winslow, on the passage between Hispaniola and Jamaica, was attacked by the fever of the climate and died May 8, 1655, in his sixtieth year. He was buried in the ocean with the funeral honors of war, and forty-two guns were fired by the fleet. He had settled in Marshfield at a seat he called Careswell, the name of an ancient English castle, the abode of the Vanes. It is near Green harbor, so called, and in his lifetime had become part of the domain where stood the mansion of Daniel Webster.

One anecdote, like the vane of the church spire, which points the direction of the wind, will exemplify his uniform character for benevolence and a good heart. When Roger Williams was driven from Massachusetts by men more religious than just, we are told that "Gov. Winslow of Plymouth, who had no hand in his expulsion, 'put a piece of gold in the hands of his wife to relieve his necessities.'" (Barry's *Hist. of Mass.* vol. i., p. 242.) This trait of character seems still to run in the Winslow blood,

if we may judge from what we know of the subject of this memoir.

Josiah Winslow, son of Edward, was born in 1629, married Penelope, daughter of Herbert Pelham, Esq., of Boston, 1663. He was an assistant, 1646-1649, was chosen governor, 1673, which office he held seven years, till his death. In the war with Philip, in 1675, he was commander-in-chief of all the forces, — a man of sterling courage and of eminent talents. The Massachusetts Historical Society has a fine portrait of Gov. Josiah Winslow, copied from a painting in possession of Isaac Winslow, Esq., of Boston, descendant of Gen. John Winslow, grandson of Gov. Josiah W., in honor of whom the town of Winslow in Maine was named in 1771. There were several distinguished men in the posterity of Gov. Edward Winslow, but our business is more immediately with the time of Kenelm.

Kenelm Winslow, brother of Gov. Edward, was baptized 3 May, 1599, having been born the Sunday before. He settled in Marshfield, on a neck of land lying between Green harbor and South river, a place Miss M. A. Thomas, in her account of Marshfield, calls the Eden of that region, " beautified with groves of majestic oaks, and graceful walnuts." He married Ellen, widow of John Adams, June, 1634, who, in the *History of Scituate*, is erroneously called the daughter of John Adams; and if there were any doubt a reference to the *Plymouth Colony Records*, vol. I., p. 176 and p. 30, will remove it; for " Kenelm Winslow, of Marshfield, sometime inhabitant of the town of Plymouth, at the time of his marriage with Ellenor Adams (sometime wife unto John Adams, deceased)," and " June, 1634, Kenelm Winslow and Ellen Adams, widow, were married." Sarah Winslow, whom Miles Standish, Jr., married, was either a daughter or niece of Kenelm.

Marshfield was first represented in the colonial government in 1642, by Thomas Bourne and Kenelm Winslow. They had four children, one of whom was Nathaniel. He died at Salem, on a visit, in 1672, and was buried there; his wife Ellen died in 1681, aged 83, and his epitaph is still traceable on Burying Hill, among the time-honored graves and tombs of the settlers of Marshfield.

Nathaniel had eight children, of whom was Kenelm, who married Abigail Waterman, daughter of Joseph Waterman. They had seven children, one of whom, Abigail Winslow, married the Rev. Isaiah Lewis. This was in the fifth generation, beginning with Edward Winslow, of Droitwich, England, father of the governor; and in this marriage the two houses were united, and continue in descent until we reach the subject of this memoir.

Rev. ISAIAH LEWIS was in the fourth degree of descent from GEORGE LEWIS, who was born in East Greenwich, in Kent, England. He married Sarah Jenkins of that country, sister of Edward Jenkins.

ISAIAH LEWIS, born in Hingham, June 10, 1703, graduated at Harvard University, 1723; settled in the ministry at Eastham, now Wellfleet; taught school in Hingham on week days, and preached on Sundays. In the records of Marshfield, 1729, is the following: "Voted to Mr. Isaiah Lewis for keeping school half a year 25 pounds, and for his service in preaching to the neighborhood in the north part of the town, 15 pounds, and request him still to continue their schoolmaster." He was in the ministry 55 years; died Oct. 3, 1786, aged 83. He is described as a clergyman "of strong mind, and a heart devoted to the work of the gospel, in which he labored diligently and with success." He solemnized 233 marriages during his ministry, and 213 members were added to his church. Rev. Levi Whitmore, in 1785, was settled as a colleague with him. A marble monument was erected to his memory in the churchyard at Wellfleet, and this eulogium of his worth is there inscribed: "In the virtues and accomplishments that adorn men and assimilate man to God, he was among those that excel." Mr. Lewis had a brother, the Rev. Daniel Lewis, who graduated at Harvard University, 1707, was ordained December, 1712, after teaching a grammar school some years, and was settled in Pembroke.

Rev. Isaiah Lewis had two children: Hannah, who married Joseph Green; and WINSLOW LEWIS, born July, 1741, who married Mary Knowles, dau. of Willard Knowles, Sept. 12, 1765, and died at sea, July, 1801, æt. 60. He resided in Eastham, and was one of the selectmen of Wellfleet in 1777. His wife died

Jan. 31, 1807, æt. 61, and was buried at Copp's hill, Boston. He had thirteen children, of whom three died in infancy ; Abigail, his daughter, married Samuel Austin ; WINSLOW LEWIS was father of Dr. Lewis ; Mary married Daniel Woods ; Hannah married John W. Brigham ; Isaiah married Harriet Cox ; Nancy married John S. H. Cox ; Joseph Warren married Nancy Lane ; Asa Packard married Catherine Connell ; Sally Greenough never married ; and Henry married Sophia Draper.

Capt. WINSLOW LEWIS was born in Wellfleet, Cape Cod, May 11, 1770, son of Winslow Lewis of that place, sea-captain. He was married to Elizabeth Greenough, daughter of Thomas Greenough, mathematical instrument-maker, and Ann Hobby. They were married by the Rev. John Murray, Nov. 7, 1798. He was then 22 and she 21 years old. She died June 11, 1842, aged 70, the mother of six children ; three died in infancy, Frederic at 26, and Gustavus at 19 ; Dr. Winslow Lewis being the only survivor. Capt. Lewis married a second time, viz., Martha S. Hulburt, daughter of James Phillips, Esq., who died in December, 1850. It is a remarkable fact that Capt. Lewis, and his three brothers, Josiah Lewis, Asa Packard Lewis and Joseph Warren Lewis, were all not only seafaring men, but skilful captains, and commanded some of the finest ships which sailed out of Boston harbor in their day. Neither of them is living.

Capt. Winslow Lewis had great practical knowledge and skill in hydraulic engineering. After he quit going to sea, he was constantly employed in building new lighthouses on our coasts, rivers and lakes, or in altering and repairing old ones. He furnished plans and specifications for beacons, buoys and monuments for the shoals and harbors along our shores, and was very successful in the construction of the beacon on the Romer shoal in New York bay, the beacon on Bowditch's ledge in Salem harbor, and other permanent ones which to this day stand as monuments of his skill and long and faithful services to his country. He was contractor and builder in his lifetime of two hundred lighthouses for the government ; he invented the Binnacle illuminator, for which he got a patent, and which is now in such

general use; he introduced the cotton duck into his factory at Watertown, and it became a substitute for the more expensive Russian duck; was the owner of a ropewalk at the foot of the Common; for several years was port warden of Boston; and in 1829 and 1836 was one of the aldermen of the city.

But the reputation and talents of Capt. Winslow Lewis will be long held in remembrance for his public services, and "when the history of the lighthouse establishment in this country is written," as a gentleman, well acquainted with him, stated to me in a letter, "it will appear that Mr. Winslow Lewis was the first to introduce the *present* mode of illumination, and to lay the foundation for the modern improvement in the structures as well as lantern lamps and reflectors." About fifty years ago the only lamps used in the lighthouses were the spider lamp, so called, which consumed a vast quantity of oil and produced a poor light. An offer was made by Capt. Lewis to fit up lanterns in all the lighthouses on the coast with lamps like those in use by the Trinity Board in England, with the Argand burner, and to affix thereto the parabolic reflector, and take for his compensation one-half of the oil thus saved from the annual consumption, the government furnishing the usual quantity for a certain number of years. The offer was accepted, Captain W. was successful, and the brilliancy of the light was vastly increased, to the great benefit of navigators. The time he first took charge of the lighthouses was about 1809, 1810; and he continued in this office till within a few years of his death. In the war of 1812 with England, during one of his visits in the revenue cutter to a lighthouse in the bay, he was taken captive by the English, but soon after released on parol. During this war he was commander of the Boston Sea Fencibles, a body of spirited sea-captains and mates of vessels, who voluntarily associated, armed and disciplined themselves to resist invasion. He was also president of the Marine Society.

Capt. Lewis died May 20, 1850, at Roxbury, aged 80 years. He was a tall, fine-looking man, of winning address, much beloved by all who knew him, and exemplary in all the relations of life. An excellent and appropriate tribute of respect was paid to his memory by the Hon. John S. Sleeper, in

the *Boston Journal*, of which he was then the editor, who knew him well as one of our best citizens; after speaking "of his vigor of intellect and buoyancy of spirit," to the last of a long and honored life, he observes, "few men have labored more constantly or more successfully through a long life than Capt. Winslow Lewis." His funeral in Roxbury was conducted by the since lamented Rev. Dr. Lowell, assisted by Rev. Mr. Alger. It was attended by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of which he was a permanent member, for he had long been a true and faithful Mason in the Fraternity. His remains were deposited at Mount Auburn in 1859.

Dr. Winslow Lewis, the subject of this sketch, was born in Boston, July 8, 1799, in the same house in which his mother was born. He was fitted for college under the tuition of Mr. Daniel Stanifort, who kept a private school of high repute in Boston; graduated at Harvard University in 1819, studied medicine under the late eminent Dr. John C. Warren, and took his degree of M. D. in 1822. His favorite pursuit was anatomy, for which he had a peculiar tact, as he had a firm nerve and quick, decisive judgment,—qualities so essential in delicate and critical operations of surgery. To perfect his studies he went immediately to Europe, attended the lectures of Dupuytren in Paris, and Abernethy in London, both surgeons of great celebrity. This was not, however, his first visit, for he crossed the Atlantic, when only seventeen years of age, and saw many places and persons; and if the old adage would apply, *Nocitur e sociis*, he stood high, for he kept good company; coming home with such distinguished men as Dr. Edward Reynolds, the late Hon. Abbott Lawrence, and Franklin Dexter, Esq., who died not long since.

On his return he commenced practice in Boston. On February 22, 1828, he was married, by the Rev. Bethel Judd, to Miss Emeline Richards, daughter of Capt. Benjamin Richards of New London, Conn. He has been two years physician of the Municipal Institutions, three of the House of Correction, and since Dr. Warren's decease he has been consulting physician in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

In 1849 he again visited the Continent, leaving his family at

home. He was gone only seven months, and visited several places of note. He was in Rome when it was attacked by the French, and quitted that city only the day before the siege commenced, of which he wrote home a glowing description, which was published in the *Transcript*. He journeyed on to Geneva, and was admiring the sublime scenery which surrounded that city — the overhanging Alps and the mirror of the blue lake beneath them — when, not dreaming of evil, he took up a newspaper from Boston and read the death of his only surviving son, Winslow; this young and promising lad, of only ten years, had followed the fate of his two infant brothers, cut off by that ravaging disease, the scarlatina. The blow was sudden and heavy to the afflicted father, and he hurried home.

The next year, 1850, he again embarked for Europe, with his family, consisting of Mrs. Lewis and his three daughters. The doctor is an observing voyageur and took notes of his travels, extracts from which would be a rich treat to the reader of dry pedigrees, but they are, as yet, a sealed book. The writer of this has never had a glimpse of them, and could only, here and there, get a word or hint of his travel's history in a hurried conversation, but he has followed him from place to place in imagination, when he spoke of classic grounds he had visited.

Dr. Lewis and his family spent six months in Paris, where he was introduced to Louis Napoleon, then President of the Republic, now the illustrious Emperor of France. The Duke of Tuscany and his lady became his intimate friends, and their portraits now adorn his library. They also spent some time in England and Scotland, visiting all the remarkable spots and places sought by strangers, travelling as far north among the highlands and lakes as Inverness. They also set out on a journey to Italy, the classic land — the land of beauty and poesy, of fallen greatness, and august recollections. Rome, with its ruins of past grandeur, lying, as it were, beneath the magnificent dome and structure of St. Peter's — Milan, with its palaces and splendid cathedral — Venice, with its numerous islands, canals and Bridge of Sighs — and Naples, with its enchanting bay and picturesque scenery, successively became the objects of their admiration. Three times the doctor said he had ascended Mount

Vesuvius ; more fortunate than the elder Pliny, of whose death from a sudden eruption of the volcano, his nephew, the younger Pliny, has given in his letters a melancholy, but graphic description ; and although written eighteen centuries ago the reader feels as though he was present at the scene.

But the principal inducement of his journey to Italy, and where he wished to make a transient home, was Florence, that beautiful city with the vale of Arno on one side, and the Apennines on the other ; Florence lies encircled by these mountains, from whose summit, it is said, the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas are visible ; through the city flows the river Arno on its way some 50 or 60 miles from the coast, and watering Pisa, famous for its leaning tower, and university. Florence is the central city of Italy, remote from the Alpine snows in the north and the sultry Calabrian heat on the south — a truly delicious climate. It has been called the city of churches, palaces and bridges ; for every house is a palace, from the richness and elegance of its structures. Here was the home of Petrarch, Cosmo and Lorenzo de Medici and Michael Angelo ; here Boccaccio wrote those tales of the Decameron, which make the reader of Italian wish to draw a veil over their licentiousness, while charmed with the invariable elegance of the style ; and Cardinal Ganganelli, afterwards Pope Clement xiv., in one of his letters, which have so much holy unction, says of that beautiful place, "There you will admire a city, which, according to the remark of a Portuguese, *should only be shown on Sundays*." The immortal Dante sung of Florence, when he was pouring forth those cantos which at times touch deep springs in the heart beyond any poet that ever lived. Perhaps it was at evening, in his melancholy walks among the Apennines, near the vale of Val-lambrosa, so exquisitely described in the *Paradise Lost*, that, looking at the distant towers of Florence, Dante heard the village bells and wrote that touching melody, which suggested to Gray the first thought of the immortal *Elegy* in the country churchyard.

"Squilla de lontano
Che paja 'l giorno piaeger che si muore." — *Purg.*, canto viii.

The village bell seemed to mourn the departing day.

Dr. Lewis and his family returned home in 1853. He resumed his profession as a matter of choice, for his fortune placed him above dependence on the severe labors and arduous duties of a physician; yet such was his skill and knowledge of surgery that he could not avoid the frequent calls of sufferers from diseases or injury who came to him far and near; more especially since the death of Dr. John C. Warren. But he was much relieved in practice by the growing and well-deserved reputation of his son-in-law, Dr. George H. Gay, to whom, Nov. 21, 1855, his oldest daughter, Elizabeth Greenough, was married. One fact in his practice, so well known to his friends, ought not to be suppressed. Often, very often, his charges to the poor and unfortunate have been light or none at all. To feel for the distressed, to administer to the victims of pain and sickness, is the delight of the good physician and the glory of a great one.

On Nov. 3, 1855, his second daughter, Maria Richards, was married to Warren Fisher, Jr., merchant of Boston; the ceremonies were performed by Rev. Dr. Vinton, in St. Paul's Church. And now it would seem that the cup of human felicity in this charming family was as full as could be expected in this changing world. With an amiable and devout partner — ever seeking to help the unfortunate and do good to the poor; with his lovely children pleasantly settled around him; his home in the mansion where his father lived, on Boylston and Pleasant streets, in which his study with a bay window commanded a picturesque view of the public garden and little lake therein; with a select library where he could pursue his classic taste and antiquarian researches, and with a fortune ample for enjoyment among troops of friends and the claims of charity, his lot seemed peculiar and almost enviable; when but a few years passed away, and deep sorrow for a season cast a shadow over the dreams of unalloyed felicity, teaching us that we are pilgrims on earth and that this world is not our home.

Seldom has the community experienced a greater shock, or a family been called to deeper grief, than by the calamity which occurred at Boston, on Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 1859, and bereaved her fond parents of a affectionate daughter, and a

devoted husband of a wife. This sad event, which was noticed in the Boston papers with much feeling and sympathy, came upon them, too, under circumstances sudden and uncommon. There had been a violent snow-storm, with some rain, freezing and a thaw. A fair day followed, and Mrs. Lewis and her daughter, Mrs. Fisher, left home about noon, and visited the store of Daniels & Co., merchants, Summer street. This store is a lofty stone structure in front, with an addition or extension in the rear, one story high, and only lighted in the centre by a large skylight. Mrs. Fisher stood immediately under it, her mother near by, and they were intent on looking at some goods on the counter. Suddenly a noise was heard, and an avalanche, falling from the roof of the main building, lodged directly upon this skylight, crushing the glass and frame with its weight, and bringing Mrs. Fisher to the ground. She was immediately taken up, bleeding profusely, and conveyed to her father's house. On examination it was found she was much injured, having been dangerously cut in vital parts by pieces of glass, which with difficulty were extracted. She suffered great agony, and from her delicate situation at the time sunk under internal injuries on Sunday, having survived only four days. The funeral services were at St. Paul's Church, where the house was crowded to overflowing, and the Rev. Mr. Bancroft made a brief, but very solemn and appropriate address. She was deposited in a tomb under the church, and has since been conveyed to Mount Auburn.

Dr. Lewis' favorite study has been surgery and anatomy, in which he is acknowledged to have few superiors, if any, in the country. To these he united a love of antiquarian researches, and has retained his fondness for the Latin classics, the beauties of which seem to cling to his memory as the perfume lingers in the sandal wood in every change of condition. Such are the sweet influences of the cultivation of taste and knowledge in early life; they give a tone to character and a charm to conversation, which neither age nor misfortune can take away. But his great object was his profession, and during the last thirty-five years the number of his private pupils has exceeded four hundred.

He translated from the French, *Gall on the Structure and Functions of the Brain*, which was published in six volumes, edited *Paxton's Anatomy*, and also a work of Practical Anatomy.

He was a representative from Boston to the General Court in 1835, '52 and '53; one of the Common Council of the city in 1839; on the School Committee, 1839, '40, '41, '44, '45, '57 and '58; visitor of the U. S. Marine Hospital, 1856 to 1862; one of the Overseers of Harvard University from 1856 to 1862, and lately re-elected six years more; Consulting Physician of the city, 1861; Counsellor of the Massachusetts Medical Society; a member of the American Medical Society of Paris; for three years he was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, viz., in 1855, '56 and '60, and has been at the head of several Orders in Masonry, a recapitulation of which would sound strange and forthputting to the uninitiated, and give no information to those who are. He has for very many years been a fervent and active friend to this noble Institution. The reason of his becoming a Mason was singular. In the days when the Fraternity were abused without mercy and persecuted to the utmost, he saw an advertisement in a paper of one of the furious Anti-Masons, Avery Allyn—a name now almost forgotten—that on a certain day, in 1829, he would deliver a lecture, showing up the weakness and hypocrisy of Freemasonry, and its dangerous tendency. The doctor was led by curiosity to go and hear him; and the very sophisms this arch-enemy of the Brotherhood used, and the abuse he heaped upon many of them, who were men without fear and without reproach, made him a convert on the other side, and he became a Mason in Columbian Lodge, then under the government of Joshua B. Flint, M.D., since G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The last honor he has received was an unanimous choice as President of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, in 1861,—an office he still retains; and long may he be spared to preside over us. It would be ungrateful in ourselves and injustice to him not to mention the liberal and valuable donations he has made to the Society—several hundred volumes, and some of them very rare and costly. He has also made to the library

of Harvard University several donations of ancient works, many of them the result of his purchase abroad.

But I must pause and let this brief memoir of Dr. Lewis come to an end; truly lamenting that the account must necessarily be meagre and imperfect; for he was absent under the call of the U. S. Government, devoting his professional skill to an examination of all the hospitals of New York and vicinity, where many of our sick and wounded soldiers were sent; and of course I have depended on other sources for information, and received not much help from him, touching his travels; yet from a long acquaintance, and the unbroken friendship of many years, not only with him, but his excellent father, it gives me unfeigned pleasure to offer this tribute of affection and respect.

"Dissolvi me, otiosus operam ut tibi darem." — *Terence*.

The following is a communication of Dr. Winslow Lewis to the *Boston Masonic Mirror*. It relates the origin of his interest in Masonry.

[For the *Mirror*.]

Boston, August 21, 1880.

MR. EDITOR,—I am neither Mason nor anti-Mason, or rather I was not a few weeks since, but was among that number of the community here who quietly regarded the excitements at a distance as results of political or personal feeling; and, as the attempted bustle in this place was anything but effectual, I rejoiced with the many that our city had shown herself unmoved by the petty restlessness of such a lame minority, and still had sustained for herself what the light of education always bestows, — a cool discrimination amidst such impassioned attempts. These abortions then appeared to me, as such generally are, a half-formed, senseless thing, brought into the world without stamen, without vitality, without any sources of existence, an attempt

"Ex fumo dare lucem."

But at this time I was induced to visit an exposé of Masonry,

at Boylston Hall, by one Allyn, and was there with many who anticipated some outrageous transactions or silly ceremonies; but, like many, I returned with feelings solemnized at the development of the conferring of the Templar's Degree. It was impossible to extort a smile from the audience, except that of contempt for the dreadful atrocity of him who had trampled on oaths so awful, who, by so doing, must, in the minds of all unprejudiced persons, have sacrificed all principles of shame or character. I am not more acute on such points than others, but I must say that the man who could do as that man did that evening I should shun more than the midnight assassin or robber. He used the vile and miserable subterfuge, "that he is ready to pay the poor penalty of his body," and adds, "let them come legally and demand it." But how will he pay the penalty to his God, whom he so solemnly invoked to bear witness to his vows? Could he look any *man* in the face who then witnessed his expressions, as an honest man should? How can he even dwell for a moment on that hour when he shall be called to the scrutiny of the *All-Seeing*, the penalty of whose judgments he, on taking his Masonic oaths, so directly called upon his head?

Yes, sir, let him make such proselytes as those who that evening upheld him in his blasphemies, as an anti-Masonic committee. But fear not; a host of such as I there saw would be no addition to any association; such means must be followed by corresponding effects. There was one who witnessed this scene with no prejudiced eye, who became a convert, not to their purposes, but to the merits of that Institution of which he trusts ere long to become a more intimate admirer.

MERCATOR.

[Note by the editor of the *Mirror*, Charles W. Moore.]

To Correspondents: — An interview with "Mercator" would be gratifying to the editor of the *Mirror*. His proffered kindness is acceptable.

[From the Boston Masonic Mirror, June 29, 1833.]

THE PRESIDENT, AND THE GRAND LODGE.

At the regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, held at the Masonic Temple in this city, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, the following vote was unanimously adopted:—

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

June 12, A. L. 5838.

Whereas we understand that our M.W. Brother, Andrew Jackson, now President of the United States, is about to visit this Commonwealth.

Voted, That Brothers Benjamin Russell, Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell, Henry Purkitt, and Rev. Samuel Barrett be appointed to wait on Brother Jackson, in the name of the Grand Lodge, and tender to him the congratulations of the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction,—to express our deep and grateful sense of the firm, discreet and honorable manner in which he has sustained his Masonic relations, during a period which the enemies of our Institution have rendered somewhat embarrassing to Brethren in conspicuous public stations,—to assure him of our hearty good wishes and prayers for his future health, prosperity and happiness, and to invite him to honor the Grand Lodge with a visit on the evening of the 24th of the present month, at a Special Communication to be called for that purpose.

Copy of Record.

Attest:

THOMAS BOWER,

Grand Secretary.

The above vote was communicated to the President on his arrival in Providence. He returned for answer that he was highly gratified with this token of respect from his Brethren of Massachusetts, but that, as he should not be in Boston on Monday evening the 24th, it would not be convenient for him to accept the invitation of the Grand Lodge, unless it should hold an earlier Communication, and named Saturday evening as most convenient to himself. This arrangement was readily and

cheerfully assented to by the committee. On his arrival in the city, on Friday afternoon, the committee again waited upon him, and 7 o'clock was designated by the President as the hour at which it would be convenient for him to visit the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge, and invited Brethren, to the number of between three and four hundred, were accordingly assembled, at an early hour, for the purpose of paying their respects to their distinguished Brother. At about 8 o'clock, the committee appointed to escort the President to the Hall, came into the Grand Lodge, accompanied by the R.W. Brother Joel R. Poinsett (one of the President's suite), and presented to the Grand Master the following letter: —

Boston, June 22d, 1833.

BRETHREN; — I anticipated the pleasure of waiting upon the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and of tendering to them in person my thanks for the cordial terms in which they were pleased to notice my arrival within their jurisdiction; but finding myself a good deal fatigued after the labors of the day, I must ask their indulgence, and beg them to accept in this form the assurance that I justly appreciate their kindness and good will, and trust that their interests, as an Institution calculated to benefit mankind, may continue to prosper.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW JACKSON.

R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL,

FRANCIS J. OLIVER,

and others, Committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

After the letter was read, our Honorable Brother Poinsett addressed the Grand Master as follows: —

Worshipful Brother: —

The President of the United States charged me to express to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts his sincere regret at being prevented by indisposition from accepting their invitation to meet them in the Temple, and from tendering to them, in person, his acknowledgments for their attentions. He

begged me to assure them, that he shall ever feel a lively interest in the welfare of an Institution with which he has been so long connected, and whose objects are purely philanthropic, and he instructed me to express to them the high esteem and fraternal regard which he cherishes towards them all.

We have been somewhat particular in stating the circumstances connected with the expected visit of the President to the Grand Lodge, for the reason that our opponents, as in all cases where Masonry is concerned, have taken particular pains to misrepresent such of the facts as were previously made public.

The disappointment of not seeing the President in the Grand Lodge was certainly great, but in our opinion that disappointment is more than compensated by the firm and dignified terms in which he has expressed his regret at not being present, as well as his continued attachment to the Order. He has furnished us with evidence, under his own hand, that he is not disposed (as too many less distinguished members of the Fraternity have been) to shrink from the responsibility of openly avowing his opinion of the Masonic Institution, and of acknowledging himself to be a *Mason*.

When he found that he could not be present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, without endangering his health, he was not content, as in ordinary cases, by simply acknowledging the kindness of his Brethren, and bearing his testimony that the Institution is one "CALCULATED TO BENEFIT MANKIND," but specially charged a most distinguished member of his suite to be present and, in his name, to express his regret at not being able to assure his Brethren, *in person*, "*that he shall ever feel a lively interest in the welfare of an Institution with which he has been so long connected, and whose objects are purely philanthropic.*"

We are at a loss to conceive how the President could have expressed his attachments to the Institution, and his respect for his Brethren, in a more full and unequivocal manner than he has done; and we repeat that, though his not being present at the Grand Lodge on Saturday evening was a great disappointment to the Brethren assembled, yet the full, and firm, and dignified

terms in which he expresses his regret at not being able to be there, and his frank and manly avowal of his attachment to the Institution, more than counterbalance that disappointment.

ADDRESS TO HON. JOEL R. POINSETT MADE TO HIM, BY DR. LEWIS, AT A MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT IN JUNE, 1833.

A few of your Masonic Brethren of this metropolis have hastily assembled this evening to greet your presence among them, to assure you of their cordial interest in your behalf, and to reciprocate those feelings which exist so peculiarly between those of the Mystic Tie. We greet you as one eminently known in the high places of distinction, as one who has held the enviable stations of life with credit to himself, and to his country. But that which calls forth our deeper respect and affection is the consideration that to the "good old cause" a devotion, an unvacillating attachment, has ever and firmly been shown, which to us shall ever fix the name of Poinsett among the burning and shining lights of our Institution. We also claim some little share of credit for consistency in these matters, as here our light has not shone without attempts to extinguish its brilliancy. We have been under the ban of opposition, and can now thank our Great Master that strength has been given us to resist with firmness, and overcome with success.

Here, sir, was the birthplace of Masonry in the United States. Here Masonic life first burst forth into existence. Here that social vitality was warmed into activity, which has diffused so much of good. We claim Boston to be the "*punctum saliens*" of the Craft in these favored lands, and you may be assured that, judged from its present healthy aspect, it will long circulate its influence among us; and may the day which beholds its "*ultimum moriens*" be as distant as we wish it.

Unceremoniously, but from the heart, we tender you our hospitality, with our best wishes that your future career may be as fortunate and happy for yourself as it has always been for your country.

[From the Records of the Grand Lodge.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 28, 1840.

The Committee appointed at the previous meeting to make arrangements for the installation of the officers, and for a due observance of the anniversary of the Nativity of St. John the Evangelist, by this Grand Lodge, reported that they had invited R.W. Winslow Lewis, Jr., M.D., to deliver an address appropriate to the occasion, and that he had accepted the invitation. The committee also reported that they had provided refreshments in an adjacent apartment. The report was accepted.

R.W. Winslow Lewis, Jr., then delivered an able and interesting address, in which he reviewed, in a peculiarly spirited and caustic manner, the persecution through which the Institution has recently passed, and congratulated the Grand Lodge, and his Brethren generally, on the present encouraging condition and prospects of the Fraternity.

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the R.W. Winslow Lewis, Jr., for the very interesting, able and spirited address delivered by him this evening, and that a copy be requested for the files.

The address which follows is that referred to in the record above given. It was not spread upon the Records of the Grand Lodge, and is now printed, for the first time, from a copy in the handwriting of Dr. Lewis, which has fortunately been preserved.

ADDRESS BEFORE THE GRAND LODGE, DEC. 28, 1840.

The courtesy of the committee of arrangements has assigned to me the duty of saying a few words on this interesting occasion. My observations shall be brief. I have selected no particular topic on which to dilate, but shall content myself with a few desultory remarks, suggested naturally by the peculiarly agreeable circumstances under which we have this evening con-

gregated, — the language of congratulation. May we not, without being deemed extravagant from success, without using the inflated language of victory, without the hyperbole inspired by excited hope, may we not now say of our Institution, that the Lord has smiled upon it, that He hath given it the victory, and stimulated by this earnest of His favor, should not our Faith in its excellence increase, our Hope extend its vision to ages of prosperity to come, and our Charity pour its assuaging oil over the tumultuous billows of that contest through which it has passed, never again, we humbly trust, to be tempest-tossed?

But though we might not wish to speak of the failure of our enemies, though the topic recalls so much of the baseness, the utter profligacy, the moral recklessness of our opponents, still we cannot so well appreciate the "great transition" without going behind the dark curtain, to gaze for a few moments where there is only light enough to render "darkness visible," — where having left it in its everlasting stillness, we trust, we shall then turn to the day-star which has visited us, and dwell on a theme more consonant to this assembly, and this occasion. I do not think it the best policy, if even policy alone is to be consulted, to let our persecutors pass away without comment. I do think that too much was yielded to them during the contest. There is a bound where patience itself should hesitate. Perhaps there is nothing more liable to destroy equanimity of mind, and to ruffle and disturb the temper, than uncharitable censure and unmerited reproach. The glow of indignation mantles the defence of calumniated excellence, and temperance is overcome by the zeal of vindication. Injustice and aggression provoke the honorable desire of resistance; and not of resistance only, but of punishment; and even under circumstances where aspersions, if left to themselves, would vanish into airy nothing from their own insignificance, and, passing into contempt, would soon be forgotten, it is not easy to repress the disposition to prove them false and groundless, and to inflict on their authors a severe and memorable chastisement. What were the causes which built up the vast association

against us, and for a time engrossed the minds of so many? I speak now of the great mass. To the "seceders" the "Lucifers" par excellence, we shall devote an especial notice.

First, the spirit of curiosity, a spirit indomitable from the creation of man.

"It reigned in Eden — in that heavy hour,
When the arch-tempter sought our mother's bower,
Its thrilling charm her yielding heart assailed,
And e'en o'er dread Jehovah's word prevailed."

here

"The world were in pain
Our secrets to gain;
They could not divine
The word or the sign
Of a Free and an Accepted Mason."

Here was the opportunity. The lively desire grew to impetuous passion. They heard "the word" of the Mason, but it conveyed nought to them; it was not given from "breast to breast," it came only from the lips, and they have sounded very much like "Mene, mene, tekel upharsin." They saw the sign. To them it has conveyed no meaning. To us it has been as the cross to Constantine, the assurance of success, the inspiring pioneer to victory, the truly significant "in hoc signo vinces."

This meddlesome, mischievous and ill-regulated curiosity has enlisted alone thousands in the cause of anti-Masonry. They have perhaps acquired the letter, lost and useless without the spirit thereof. They have snatched the lifeless, mutilated frame, but where is the vital principle, the soul, the breathing essence? It is only within the Lodge, where no unclean thing, no cowan, can witness its purity. Having thus congregated the merely curious at the onset, and their number soon becoming considerable, then commenced their cause.

The second source of increase was the formation of a separate political party, a party *sui generis*, based upon nothing; on its standard was seen nothing, its results were nothing, and as ex

nihilo nihil fit,—from nothing, nothing comes,—this grand political manœuvre produced about as much effect as might have been supposed from the inanity of its basis. Where are the rewards seen in such bright relief by those who pressed forward so earnestly in that contest? Alas! they have proved “false creations proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain.” They have been the fatal visions, the daggers of the mind which marshalled them to their destruction. They saw treason, stratagems and spoils imprinted on every Mason. Their eyes were made the fools of the other senses. Forty swords became 40,000, and on their blades and dudgeons gouts of blood.

A third source of their growth was that the period was favorable to their increase. It was a period when a restless spirit was in the community. It was a time to engender all sorts of monsters. It was a time when those various associations began to enlist men under banners of novelty which have since been the causes of ridicule, of discontent, of great excitement.

I do not intend to name particularly any of the associations evidently referred to. Each and every one present can construe for himself. The ungovernable zealots of the church lashed themselves into an anti-Masonic furor. The right of approaching the altar of God was denied, and to partake from that table spread in commemoration of Him who taught “peace on earth, good will to men,” forbidden to a “Brother.” From all such saints, good Lord, deliver us.

“Arouse the tiger of Hyrcanian deserts,
Strive with the half-starved lion for his prey;
Lesser the risk, than rouse the slumbering fire
Of wild Fanaticism.”

The last source of their increase that I will mention was the defection of those who were once with us, who once espoused our cause, not only by their attendance, their apparent devotion within the veil, but openly by their lips, before the world, by their eloquence. I cannot forbear; my charity cannot go so far as to prevent my showing upon this occasion one whose vacilla-

tions have been so varied, that Proteus himself could not hold a candle to him. The Mason, the anti-Mason, the Whig, the Tory, the second Vicar of Bray, the thing, Pliny Merrick. I am confident I offend neither political party by mention of him. All must despise both the treason and the traitor.

“ An open foe may prove a curse,
But a pretended friend is worse.”

“ The rock that's seen gives the poor sailor dread,
But double horror that which hides its head.”

Hear an extract from an address delivered at the installation of Social Harmony Lodge, at Middleborough, in 1823. Having spoken of the Institution as time-honored, he says:—

“ Thus ancient and thus preserved, the Fraternity claim no peculiar praises for their Institution, beyond what reason in its calm and deliberate survey pays as a willing homage to its benign and peaceful character. It requires not of its members to emblazon its fame, and they are forbidden to enter into angry and noisy disputes to protect it from the unhallowed desecration of those who, unacquainted with its means of aiding the cause of virtue and of increasing the common fund of benevolence and peace, cast upon it unmerited and uncharitable reproach. Justice and virtue are imperishable in their nature; and the hand of sacrilegious violence cannot tear the robe of purity from the one, nor wrench the sword and the balance from the possession of the other. Yet we are not forbidden to exhibit its character in appropriate colors. [You see, my Brethren, in his own words I find an apology, if one were necessary, for thus roasting him on his own fire.] Commanded to do good as we have opportunity, it is permitted that our ‘light shall so shine’ that the darkness of prejudice and error may be dispelled by the radiance of truth; and we should point out and illustrate some of the designs and principles of our Institution. What are they? Its great end is improvement; ‘to raise the feelings and to mend the heart;’ to make men wiser and better; to diffuse the principles of benevolence and philanthropy; and to make them active and practical in

the advancement of common and universal enjoyment. All its plans, its mysteries, its designs and emblems are devoted to these interesting and useful purposes. All the sensible objects, and all the moral affections we use, abound in inducements to the path of duty; and separately afford rich themes of important discussion, while they all combine to produce that comely order

“Which nothing earthly gives or can destroy, —
The soul's calm sunshine, and the heartfelt joy.”

Such were the sentiments of Pliny Merrick when there was naught to tempt him but Truth. But the evil day came. Political preferment in brilliant prospectus shed a mist around him. The mild radiance of Truth was shut out, and from those lips which in the temple of the Highest proclaimed the ideas which have been quoted, from these same lips, in Fanueil Hall, the great political arena, issued the following: —

“Freemasonry is an Institution, evil and dangerous in its tendency; a great evil, resting upon assumptions which had no foundation; in fact, one fraught with danger to the best interests of mankind here and hereafter, with danger to the cause of patriotism and religion,” etc., etc.

I have thus signalized this individual among the many of the same issue, because his tergiversations in Masonry and politics have rendered him odiously conspicuous. How stands Moses Thacher, “damned to everlasting fame”? His character is at zero, Masonically, politically and morally. In fine, where is the great party? and echo answers, where?

Thus, in brief, has been suggested a few of the causes which gave rise to that bitter opposition which threatened the extirpation of our Order. It appeared necessary to say thus much of our dark hours, that we might turn with greater joy to that halo under the happy influence of which we are now gathered together.

“On wings of light, Hope's fairy form appears,
Smiles on the past, and points to happier years;
Points with uplifted hand and raptured eye
To the pure dawn that floods the opening sky.”

Under such auspices of success, when "Hope dawns in every omen," when renovated vitality diffuses the thrill of pleasure to every Masonic heart, shall I not, on this occasion, use the congratulatory strain as the most appropriate?

Most Worshipful Grand Master [Caleb Butler], I congratulate you that you have been called to preside over this Body, at this period when an onward, successful career is the present augury, when you can feel that those around you are the trustworthy and true. They mostly are those who have been tried in the fire, purified by the ordeal, refined and more valuable by the process. The inanimate members have been lopped off, amputated, leaving the parent Body more healthful by the process. And this Body, with its new Head, and yet an old one too, no doubt will be well directed by zeal tempered with a ripened judgment. In behalf of all assembled, I offer you the homage of their hearts.

To the *venerable* of our Order, who have come to the altar of Masonry with the zeal as when life was young, I offer congratulations. That you have been permitted to witness the resuscitation of that which so long has been a charm in life's weary pilgrimage, I congratulate you. I truly feel the sanctity of Masonry which can bring to its peaceful enclosure the time-hallowed form, the hoary locks of those whose years, whose lives, have been but a commentary of what good can come from our Nazareth. Well may we congratulate ourselves that among us are found those who can testify of us, even in the sere and yellow leaf of life, that our ways are the ways of pleasantness, and that all our paths are peace. And you, my *younger* Brethren, go onward with renewed confidence in the cause you have espoused; these venerable pioneers are before you living demonstrations that the honorable, the virtuous, the good, have long trod the same path on which you have entered.

Brethren, I congratulate you all on this new organization of the Grand Lodge. Two of your first three officers [S. W. Robinson, D. G. M., and Winslow Lewis, senior, J. G. W.], although "all of the olden time," have not shrunk from your call for their services. One whose Masonic age is forty-five years, now for the first time bearing an office, is willing to sustain on his

yet vigorous shoulders any burden which may lighten the good old cause, and even to transmit the same to his heir and assignee forever. Our Brother in the West [Thomas Tolman], although not entitled to the appellation of a Venerable, yet, as is said in common language, is betwixt and between both as regards his years and relation to his two Brethren. His zeal has been eloquently shown to us in his recent official relation as District Deputy Grand Master, and no doubt will increase with his increasing honors.

And your *Treasurer* [John J. Loring]. If I might speak all that I could speak, it would, perhaps, be deemed to bear too hard on that modesty which ever accompanies merit. But look not to your Treasurer as the keeper of your little pittance of the base coin alone; regard him as the noble storehouse of the best feelings of the man and the Mason; call upon him, you will have your heart's demand liberally discounted without any endorser but that heart's necessities.

I congratulate you on the valuable possession of such a Secretary [Charles W. Moore] as has fallen to your good lot. A living, walking Masonic Encyclopædia, certainly a tall copy, without spot or blemish, of the best type, without errata, an edition dedicated to the Craft. May such a one be stereotyped, and copies multiplied, when the *editio princeps* shall have passed away. We wish no other herald,

“ No other speaker of our living actions,
To keep our honor from corruption,
But such an honest chronicler.”

To the Most Worshipful and Reverend Past Grand Master [Rev. Paul Dean], whose high duties have terminated this evening, congratulations are due. We felicitate you that your government has produced the happiest influences on the Institution, and on the hearts of your Brethren. May the remaining years of your life be brightened by the high consciousness that those you have bestowed on us have not been lost on ungrateful hearts. Many, many pages bear on their records the ardent expression of your zeal in our behalf. They will ever be memorials of one

who, in our good report and in our evil report, was ever the firm, unflinching Brother. We fear that the presence of one so cherished may not be afforded us in the future. That you are about to separate from among us, we learn with sorrow. But, go where you may, distance cannot divide the Masonic heart; the "still small voice" of fraternal emotion, whene'er we meet, shall be wafted to you "trumpet-tongued," giving the heart's desire, — "We wish he were here." There are the relics of joy which let

"Fate do her worst, she cannot destroy."

At this our meeting under such pleasing aspects, let us renewedly determine to maintain that which is our pride and boast. In this cause we should not vacillate. Let the fate of the traitorous teach us that, however specious their pretences, the right always ensures the might. Let us say, with an old poet, that

"A soul sincere
Scorns fraud or fear,
Within itself secure;
For vice will blast,
But virtue last,
While truth and time endure.
Blow high, blow low,
Frown fate or foe,
He scorns to tuck about;
But to his trust
Is strictly just,
And nobly stems it out."

Shall we be ashamed of that association which engenders in our hearts the best feelings of our social nature? This is the simple but broad basis of its superstructure. Is not the fabric a hallowed one? How sweet are the affections of social kindness! how balmy the influence of that regard which dwells among us! Distrust and doubt darken not the brightness of its purity; the carpings of interest and jealousy mar not the harmony of that scene. It matters not if the world is cold,

if the selfishness and injustice of mankind return our warm sympathies barren, can we but turn to our own peculiar circle, and ask and receive all that our heart claims. The exchange of kindly affections, in confidence and trust, is the purest enjoyment of our nature. Have we not this? Do we not feel it at each reunion among ourselves? Have we not, then, all a strong internal consciousness of what Masonry is, and what it enjoins? Does it not impel

“ The conscious heart of charity to warm,
The wide wish of benevolence to dilate,
. . . . and into clear perfection
Gradual bliss, refining still, the social
Passions work ”?

It is a something better felt than expressed. It uniformly requires of us that which is good. Its simple but inestimable code presents no puzzling question to tear the divided heart by conflicting duties. It speaks of life as a mutable scene, and it admonishes us to enjoy its blessings with moderation, and to endure its evils with patience. It tells us that man is as variable as the world he inhabits; that imperfections mingle with the virtues of the best, and, by the beautiful similitude of a state of warfare, urges us to constant and unwearied attention. From this mixture of good and evil, it directs our pursuit after the former, by teaching us to curb our passions, and to moderate our desires; to expect with diffidence, enjoy with gratitude, and resign with submission. It commands us, conscious of our own failings, to be indulgent to the errors of others. Upon the basis of mutual wants, general imperfection, and universal kindred, it builds the fair structure of candor and benevolence. Shall we then desert this good fabric whose foundations are upon a rock? The tempests have but proved its strength—shall we now despair of its shelter? Surely not. Let us receive our trials as benefits. It is not every calamity that is a curse, and oft adversity is a blessing. Difficulties give rise to miracles. The brightness of the morning is preceded by the twilight. The greatest darkness is before the breaking of

the day. Our sun has risen to shine with its august splendor. Warmed by its beams, guided by its light, may we go onward with joy. Like an expurgated edition of a good work, Masonry has been cleansed from its impurities by the abstraction of the traitorous and wicked. Let its future pages beam with the excellence of right and truth. May its enemies be taught that this must prevail, and may they learn to govern themselves accordingly.

[Extracts from the Records of the Grand Lodge.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1841.

The appointed officers having been installed, Brother Pickman, agreeably to his appointment, delivered an eloquent and appropriate address. After which Brother Lewis, Jr., offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously accepted:—

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge gratefully tender to their R.W. Brother C. Gayton Pickman, their thanks for the very appropriate, interesting and able address, delivered this evening, and, although retrospectively, they would now acknowledge the obligations due him for the intellectual feast furnished now two years past, and from which the recipients departed, forgetting their host; that they tender him now his well-earned due, with the assurance that the omission of the expression of their feelings at the proper period was purely accidental, and that although two years have elapsed since the debt was incurred, they now wish to repay their dues, not only to the just amount of the principal, but with the compound interest of gratitude.

Resolved, That copies of both addresses be requested for the files.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 9, 1842.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Brother Lewis, Jr., were unanimously accepted:—

Death having removed forever from amongst us, our excellent and highly respected Brother Cyrus Balkcom, late Grand Steward in this Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That we will cherish his memory and tenderly call to mind the virtues of constancy and devotion, so long and so exemplarily exhibited by our deceased Brother towards this Institution, and that we lament his decease as the loss of one of the most devoted members of this Grand Lodge.

IN GRAND LODGE, May 4, 1842.

The following preamble and resolutions [submitted by Dr. Lewis] were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, Death having suddenly removed from the Masonic family him who well deserves the distinction of being our venerable father in Masonry—who, for more than half a century, was the undeviating advocate of our cherished principles, and whose whole life was a practical exposition of what good may come from our Nazareth; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply lament the decease of our aged and highly respected Brother, the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, and that we view this dispensation as an extinction of one of the brightest lights in Masonry.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply and most sincerely sympathizes with the family of our late distinguished Brother, and respectfully tenders to them fraternal condolence in the severe affliction which, through this dispensation of Divine Providence, they have been called to sustain.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 14, 1842.

The following resolution, introduced by Brother Lewis, Jr., with an appropriate preamble [see extract below from the "Freemasons' Magazine"], was unanimously accepted:—

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, deeply impressed with a sense of the long-tried fidelity and devotion, manifested for so many years in the common cause of the Institution, and especially towards this body, do hereby pay this their last

united tribute of respect to the memory of their deceased and much lamented R.W. Brother Thomas Dennie, Esq., by the

Resolve, That in those virtues which constitute the true Masonic Brother; virtues which embrace the excellences of a man, virtues which ennoble him in all the relations of life, our late venerable associate has ever shone as an eminent exemplar, and as such, his memory should be cherished.

[From the Freemasons' Magazine, Vol. I., page 380.]

THE LATE THOMAS DENNIE, Esq.

The R.W. Winslow Lewis, Jr., reminded the Grand Lodge, that since the last Regular Communication, a past officer and permanent member had ended his career on earth, and gone to take his place in the Grand Lodge, where the "just made perfect" may hope to meet him; and offered the annexed resolution, which he prefaced with the following

REMARKS.

The testimonials to departed worth, paid by those who survive to reap the results of the labors of the good, are in themselves not only incentives to those who remain yet in action, still to continue in well-doing, but are also sureties that, even though dead in the body, our virtues take root and bring forth the richest fruits in their operation on the heart. Death may still the active eloquence of the tongue; the countenance, radiating benevolence and good will, may lose its expressive power; the hand that conveyed the pulsations of fervid feeling may be palsied by that grasp which crushes the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, of life; but still we die not. There is vitality in the recollections of excellence which spring up in the memories of survivors. There is life while our deeds exert a holy influence, even after we have shuffled "off this mortal coil;"

"E'en from the tomb the voice of goodness cries,
E'en in our ashes live their wonted fires."

These remarks are induced preparatory to the introduction of resolutions which I am about to propose in relation to the decease of our old and long-tried friend of the Masonic Institution, the R.W. Thomas Dennie, who has died since the last meeting, full of years and of honors, preserving a character of unsullied worth, well tried by the joys of prosperity, as well as by the sorrows of adversity, passing through the sunshines and shades of his pilgrimage with equanimity, beloved and regretted by all. To him was given

“The virtues of a temp’rate prime,
Blest with an age exempt from scorn or crime;
An age that melts with unperceived decay,
And glides in modest rectitude away :
Whose peaceful day benevolence endears,
Whose night congratulating conscience cheers,
The gen’ral fav’rite as the gen’ral friend;
Such age there is, and who shall wish its end?”

But that end has come, and

“Pitying Nature signed the last release
And bade afflicted worth retire to peace.”

Thus shall it ever be, “lamenting or lamented, all our lot.”

He died in the odor of a good name. I am not prepared nor qualified to speak his eulogy. Much might be said; for a long life spent in continued goodness, in disbursing the courtesies and charities of a philanthropic heart, would be a fruitful, a pleasing theme. But this is not, nor should be, my province. It should be done by one, if such exist, who could claim to be a contemporary. But of one deed, at least, let me speak. Having, by reverse of fortune, lost his all, and been duly discharged by his creditors, with true New England hardiness and enterprise, he recommenced his commercial pursuits, and, fortune smiling, he was again placed on the summit of her changing wheel. Then did he enjoy that heartfelt satisfaction of calling around him his surprised creditors, and of paying them — principal and interest — all their dues. Amid the selfish, the sordid, the con-

tracted condition, begotten by cumulation of wealth, which is the tale to be told of the many, let this fact be imprinted with gold, with characters of living light, as a radiation from the honest heart of the *one* now lost to us and to the world.

[Here follow the preamble and *resolve* given above.]

[Extracts from Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 18th, 1848.

The Committee on the doings of the late National Masonic Convention offered the following additional

REPORT.

The committee to whom were referred the doings of the Masonic Convention, held at Baltimore, having reported at a previous meeting of this Grand Lodge on all the topics then presented, are now enabled to complete their duties, by an expression of their opinion on the merits of the "Trestle-Board," which has been published within a few days.

This important work was prepared by R.W. Charles W. Moore, of Massachusetts, and R.W. S. W. B. Carnegie, of Missouri, the majority of the committee to whom its preparation was referred.

The Trestle-Board, prepared under such supervision, the committee, without any distrust of their opinion, affirm will meet the approbation of the Fraternity. Even the expunging of what was wholly irrelevant and useless in the former textbooks will be of great utility. Claims questionable in their nature, and assertions founded on at least equivocal authority, have too long occupied the pages of our "hand-books" of Masonry. Inflated and exaggerated statements only serve to retard the progress of institutions. "Absurd and ridiculous pretensions are no more justifiable in societies than in individuals. Freemasonry requires only what fairly and honestly belongs to it;" and your committee anticipate that this Manual, in its beautiful simplicity, will do much to commend our much-loved Association to the favorable estimation of all who peruse it.

It would not be within the province of the committee to enter into an analysis of the work, or to present a review of its arrangement, literary character, etc. But that it will stand the test of criticism in these particulars they have no misgivings.

Their duty will be accomplished by reporting to this Grand Lodge, for their approval, the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recommend the "Trestle-Board," prepared by a committee of the late National Convention, as a work embodying all the essentials of a Manual of Ancient Craft Masonry; and in preference to all other similar works, it especially sanctions to the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction the use of this most excellent compend of the principles and ceremonies.

WINSLOW LEWIS, JR.,

JOHN B. HAMMATT,

E. M. P. WELLS,

JOHN R. BRADFORD,

HUGH H. TUTTLE,

Committee.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 13, 1843.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of introducing for Masonic usage the melodies about to be published by R.W. Brother Thomas Power, Esq.,

REPORT

That they have had an opportunity to examine a large portion of these Melodies, and believe that the interests of the Order will be promoted by the use of the work. That these lyrics are of a very high character, both in regard to their excellence as poems, and their superior moral tone, and such as could be expected from the mind of one whose taste in the science of music, and known reputation as a poet, the public at large will appreciate. They are calculated to affect the heart as well as the mind, and to give additional zest to our fraternal gatherings by the tasteful unison of sentiment and sound.

They therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to subscribe for fifty copies for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted, by

WINSLOW LEWIS, JR.,
E. M. P. WELLS,
JOHN R. BRADFORD,
Committee.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 18, 1844.

R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis, Jr., having been elected to and accepted the office of Senior Warden of St. John's Lodge, resigned his office as Cor. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 18, 1844.

On motion of Brother Lewis, Jr., —

Voted, That the Grand Master appoint a master of the choir to direct the vocal services of the music used in Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Master also appoint an organist for the same department.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 11, 1845.

R.W. Brother Lewis, Jr., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: —

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts deeply sympathize with the great Masonic family in the loss sustained by the decease of the R.W. Andrew Jackson, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, one of the firmest and most unwavering of Masons, and who, when elevated to the highest political office on earth, continued his attention and devotion to the Order.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 11, 1846.

Brother Winslow Lewis, Jr., offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

Within a few days, one of our brightest lights has been extinguished, and the “brave old oak” of our Masonic domain cut down to mingle again with the earth from which it came. The “sere and yellow leaf” has for many years progressed to its termination, but its fall has been protracted to a period far beyond the common allotment of existence. It has survived the tempest and the storm, to witness the renewed verdure and vigorous growth of an Institution so long fostered and sheltered by its benign influences.

Our aged Brother, the R.W. Henry Purkitt, has passed away. After “life’s lengthened fever,” he sleeps well the sleep that knows no earthly waking. Well should he sleep whose long day of life was passed in the exercise of the kindly affections, the noblest functions of the heart, the broadest duties of unsparing charity. I cannot but feel a melancholy pleasure, a “joy of grief,” in this announcement,—joy at the recollection that he has left the odor of a name to stimulate us to the performance of good; satisfaction that his virtues and excellences were but the fulfilment of the teachings of Masonry. But grief must have its share,—that we shall behold that kindly face no more; that one more is stricken from our roll, to join and swell the great company of the dead, who was in the first rank of the Order; and that that heart is stilled forever, which so long pulsed with the best emotions of humanity.

A bright link in our social chain is broken. Let not its strength be impaired by the loss, but rather let it consolidate its firmness by the recollection and the practice of all that was left of good in our deceased Brother. Though dead, may he yet speak. For him we may not and need not pray; but surely, as we wave our last farewell, we may say, “Blessings on thy kind heart—oblivion to thy errors (if errors thou hadst), and grateful, lasting remembrance to thy name.”

As, having been a permanent member of the Grand Lodge, its records should bear on them the testimonial of the consideration

in which he was held by its members, I have prepared resolutions embodying sentiments of respect and affection, due to the memory of our buried Brother. It is understood that the Lodge with which he was so long connected will have appropriate services, and an eulogy by a Brother eminently qualified by education, talents, and intimacy with the deceased, to do justice to the subject. The reminiscences of such a life must be fraught with events of interest to every one, especially to those of the household of our faith.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, impressed with the great loss sustained by the decease of the R.W. Bro. Henry Purkitt, P.J.G.W., would evince their deep sense of their bereavement, by the

Resolve, That by the death of this most venerable and venerated Brother, the Masonic Institution has lost one whose devotion, zeal, and fidelity to the cause have ever been pre-eminent, and whose whole life has been a practice of philanthropy, of honesty, and all the moral and social virtues, and whose walk was upright before God and man.

Resolved, That the legacy of his good name, which he has left for us, shall ever be an incentive for emulation — a stimulus to persevere in the paths of honor, truth and integrity. “The memory of the just is *blessed*.” *His* shall be enshrined in our hearts.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27th, 1847.

R.W. Bro. Lewis offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted : —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to R.W. Bro. Smith, for his very eloquent and pertinent address, with the assurance of the gratification they have derived both on this and many other occasions, in listening to one who in *all* that he does, *does well*.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Dickson, it was unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to R.W. Bro. Winslow Lewis, Jr., for his valuable and efficient services as Deputy Grand Master for the last two years.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27th, 1848.

The R.W. G. Washington Warren, Esq., in compliance with the invitation of the Committee of Arrangements, pronounced an interesting, appropriate and able address. Whereupon the R.W. Winslow Lewis, Jr., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That we thank the orator of the evening, and late Grand Steward, for the intellectual banquet so well served upon this occasion ; for the ample supply of solid, nutrient matter to increase our Masonic energy, as well as for the lively, piquant additions to assist our intellectual digestion. So good a provider as Steward, we shall ever cheerfully follow as Marshal.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1848.

On motion of R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis, Jr., it was

Resolved, That the warmest thanks the Brethren can bestow, are due to our respected and beloved Brother Past M.W.G. Master Simon W. Robinson, Esq., for the zeal, ability, and impartiality with which he has presided over the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, during the constitutional period of his eligibility, and we tender him not our thanks only, but our cordial wishes for his future happiness.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 12, 1850.

On motion of R.W. George G. Smith, it was

Voted, That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Library Committee, and to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars, and to place the same in the hands of R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis, for the purchase of Masonic Books, during his contemplated tour to Europe.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 12, 1851.

The following communication was received from the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple :—

MASONIC TEMPLE, March 4, 1851.

To the Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—

BRETHREN: This is to certify, that R.W. Charles W. Moore was this day unanimously elected to the office of Trustee of the Masonic Temple, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of our worthy and excellent Brother, Dr. Winslow Lewis, as per record of the Board of Trustees will appear.

Attest:

JOHN HEWS, *Secretary*.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 8, 1852.

Several documents, accompanied by a letter from the Grand Secretary, were received from the Grand Orient of France, by the hands of Brother William P. Winchester; whereupon, on motion of Brother Winslow Lewis, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks and the fraternal greeting of this Grand Lodge be transmitted to the Grand Orient of France for the acceptable documents transmitted by Brother William P. Winchester, and their congratulations on the favorable auspices for Masonry in France under the direction of its illustrious Grand Master, Prince Murat, and that a copy of the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge, and of such other Masonic documents as may probably be of interest to the Grand Orient of France, be sent at the same time.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27th, 1852.

The Recording Grand Secretary, at the request of R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis, M.D., of Boston, next presented a portrait, in gilt frame, of Prince Murat, in Masonic costume, as Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France, Whereupon it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to R.W. Bro. Lewis, for his very beautiful and acceptable present.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 9th, 1853.

R.W. Brother Lewis offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted: —

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, while in the heartfelt demonstrations of respect for the memory of one of her permanent members, is not unmindful of the loss of him who, in the humble capacity of Tyler of this body, has faithfully and devotedly served the cause of Masonry for a period extending to the life of a generation.

Resolved, That the late Josiah Baldwin has left to us, and to his family, the inestimable legacy of a good name. The trait most conspicuous was uniform and consistent conscientiousness, exemplified in his long devotion to duty. He revered its dictates in the smallest as well as the greatest things; and was thus entitled to the commendation of his Great Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved, That we condole with the bereaved family in the loss of their respected and venerable head. May the mantle of his devotion to duty and conscience fall especially upon him who is connected with us and with them, and though neither wealth nor high station may be the result here, the better wealth, the more glorious place, will be gained hereafter.

[From the Freemasons' Magazine, vol. XIII., pp. 230-241.]

CEREMONIES AT A MEETING OF BOSTON ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, MARCH 15, 1854.

This being the semi-centennial anniversary of the admission of Sirs ROBERT LASH and JOHN B. HAMMATT to the Order of Knighthood, the ceremonies, which were impressive and interesting, were introduced and interwoven with the Order of the Red Cross, on which degree the work of the evening was assigned. On the introduction of the guests (Sir Knights LASH and HAMMATT) the Sov. Master, Sir Daniel Harwood, addressed them as follows: —

SIR KNIGHTS : — We welcome you to our hall this evening with something more than ordinary form and ceremony ; and that you may the more fully understand our reason for so doing, our Chancellor will read an extract from the “Records of the Fathers,” and add thereto such remarks and explanations as the circumstances and objects of the occasion seem to render necessary and proper.

The Chancellor, Sir Winslow Lewis, then read an extract from the records of Boston Encampment, dated March, 1804, and addressed the Sir Knights as follows : —

VENERABLE AND RESPECTED AND DEAR SIR KNIGHTS : — On this joyful, but solemn occasion, it is vouchsafed to us to congratulate you on the semi-centennial accession of your initiation. It surely is a joyful one, that we have been permitted the fellowship, the communion of the true and the good, so long ; and that now, though the head is hoary, the hand perhaps tremulous, the limbs failing, by that physical result which spares not the sturdiest, — still that we have before us, heads whose gray hairs are honored, hands which are pure and unspotted, and limbs, which, though now diminished in vigor, have ever walked uprightly before God and man. These are our felicitations, — this is then truly a joyful moment !

I have said it is a solemn one. Alas ! where are those who trod with you life's early, bright career ? You look around in vain for the faces of the long-lost, though still dearly remembered Brethren of by-gone years, and the memories of Fowle, Purkitt, Sigourney, Smith and others, rise up again to recall the scenes of your happy, youthful days. Their bodies long have slept the sleep that knows no waking — their spirits, we humbly trust, live forever in realms of light and everlasting bliss.

We, their successors, having such exemplars, have endeavored to preserve the fire they kindled, unquenched and pure ; and the flame on the altars they lighted shall be fed by hearts warmed by their brightness and fervency. We trust that we have not been unworthy scions of such worthy sires.

But we come not here on this occasion to applaud ourselves —

we come to pay a filial tribute to the deeds of our fathers, now before us.

FATHERS, we hail you! Fathers, we welcome you! Fathers, your children bow to you with respect and gratitude, and thank you for all you have done, so well, and so long, for us. Spotless and exemplary in the discharge of every duty of the citizen, the man and the Mason; unblemished in all the relations of domestic retirement; of integrity, purity, and honor which calumny has never attained; in times of our darkness, fearless of aught else, but of the contamination of dishonor, and the reproach of being wanting to yourselves and to truth, you have stood, like the delicate ermine of arctic climes, to whom death is more tolerable than to suffer the unsullied purity of her snow-white vesture to be tarnished. No remorseful thought can disturb the calm of your declining years, and death can have no terrors, conscious of a life well-spent, and possessing —

“ A peace above all earthly dignities,
A still and quiet conscience.”

In the hey-day of life, you united yourselves to an Institution which calls forth the feelings that entwine man with man; and more especially to *our* glorious Institution, founded on the practice of the Christian virtues. It has touched your hearts to the finest issues, and “reflected happiness has blest you.” It has caused you the delightful experience, that “the easiest of all easy things is to be kind and good, and then it is so pleasant!” “Self-love and social are the same,” beyond all question; and in that lies the nobility of our nature. “The intensest feeling of self is that of belonging to a Brotherhood. All selves then know they have duties which are in truth loves — and loves are joys — whether breathed in silence, or uttered in words, or embodied in actions; and if they filled all life, then all life would be good, and heaven would be no more than a better earth. And how may all men go to heaven? By making themselves a heaven on earth, and thus preparing their spirits to breathe empyreal air when they have dropped the dust. And how may they make for themselves a heaven on

earth? By building up a happy *home for the heart*. Much, but not all — oh! not nearly all — is in the site. But it must be within the precincts of the holy ground, and within hearing of the waters of life." Here, you have trod on that holy ground, and here you have heard those lessons which flow from that sacred fount which invigorates for eternity.

SIR KNIGHTS, — we meet this evening to commemorate an event, interesting even for its rarity. We are here, cheered and honored by the presence of two of our ancient Jewels (Sirs Robert Lash and John B. Hammatt), whose lives have run in remarkable parallelism. Both were born at about the same period in this city; both carried the satchels together to the same public school; both received knighthood the same evening (March 28, 1804); both have presided as Grand Commanders, and both have ever been among the most constant and devoted of the members, and they together have offered their devotions at the same altar of God for fifty years; and as deacons of the same church have borne the sacred elements commemorative of a Saviour's love and death. Welcome then, *par nobile fratrum!* Welcome to the peaceful halls which so long have been graced by your presence! Welcome, thrice welcome to the hearts of your junior and grateful associates! On your bodies age has manifested its unsparing stamp, "frostily, but kindly;" but the souls are unchilled, and

"Though age is on the temples hung,
Still your hearts, your hearts are young."

May your autumnal years be peaceful and happy, unclouded and serene; the last of life the best; and when pale, concluding winter comes at last to shut the scene, and you wing your mystic flight to future worlds, may heavenly welcome attend you as joint sharers of a more blissful and everlasting union.

REMARKS OF DR. LEWIS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
FIRST ELECTION AS GRAND MASTER, DEC. 13, 1854,
PRESERVED AMONG HIS PAPERS:—

The distinguished honor which you have conferred on me, one to which I never have had the temerity to aspire, calls for my grateful acknowledgments. I deeply feel and thank you for your kindness, and in accepting the high station, about to be vacated by one whose eloquence, executive ability and Masonic intelligence have given additional dignity to the Chair, I truly feel my weakness. The best that I can do shall be done. You shall have that interest and labor for our common cause, from which I have not shrunk for a quarter of a century. For more light, I shall have around me guides and counsellors whose lamps have ever been trimmed and diffused radiance from this, the nucleus of American Masonry.

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1854.

The M.W. Grand Master [Dr. Lewis, who had just been installed by his predecessor Rev. Dr. Randall] delivered the following interesting and appropriate

ADDRESS.

On assuming the functions of presiding over the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I sensibly feel the dignity of the office and the responsibilities incurred. It is the first Grand Lodge as to the period of its foundation, the *Mater Latomix* of the United States. Its decisions are respected everywhere, and its radiance of "light" as widely diffused. Its offices have been sustained by the honored and the good; bright jewels among Masons, ornaments of society.

Passing over the early history of the Order in our ancient Commonwealth, and starting from the time of the "Union" in 1792, when, as our historian Harris terms it,

"Nunc magis opus moretur,
Felicior rerum nascitur ordo,"—

there are found the names of John Cutler, John Warren, Paul Revere, Josiah Bartlett, Isaiah Thomas, Timothy Bigelow, Samuel Dunn, Benjamin Russell, John Dixwell, John Soley, John Abbot and others, who have shed lustre not only on our Institution, but also on the vocations they adorned. In the storm, as in the calm, they were faithful. All these have passed on to a more sublime exaltation. Here, their memories are forever green, — *Virtus post funera*. Here, we are gathered amid the brightness of prosperity, which often tries mortals more than the dark hour. "Felicity eats up circumspection," and it behooves us to be warily diligent; on our Masonic field to sow that seed which shall enrich and bring forth the best fruits. If too profusely scattered, its shoots at first present the promise of a rich harvest; but it is a promise to the eye only. The very profusion impedes the thrifty action. "Guard well your portals for the safety of your house," is as applicable to us here, as in our domestic abodes. Let not mere numerical force be our desire or support, but seek to strengthen by the power of character and goodness. Let not mere negative qualities secure admission among us. Require the stronger proof, the active excellence; the heart that acts as well as feels, that exercises the good deed as well as the word; that the applicant should stand out in bold relief, not as one who has merely done no harm, but as the more emphatic one who has let his light shine to enlighten, to assist and vivify.

At this particular period, in the tranquillity of success, our Institution may be viewed with distrust and scanned with jealousy, by those who view it as a secret power, combined either for purposes selfish, or as exerting influences beyond the ostensible union of the Order. Combinations have recently been formed, and are multiplying, to sway public opinion and affect public measures by secret organizations. It is not our province to applaud or decry them. From political discussion we carefully hold ourselves aloof, and this we should impress upon our fellow-citizens on all proper occasions, and I hold that this Grand Lodge should now reaffirm, as often before, but now especially essential to reiterate, that we are bound as members

of a Brotherhood, throughout the world, irrespective of language, nation or sect (religious or political), to improve the kindly affections, to relieve the unfortunate, the "large wish of benevolence to dilate," the "conscious heart of charity to warm," to make ourselves wiser and better. We go not beyond. We shut out the divided opinions and rancours which beset society, and in our quiet asylum "mingle into bliss." "Our great end is improvement;" "to raise the feelings and to mend the heart;" to diffuse the principles of an universal benevolence and philanthropy. All our designs, mysteries and emblems are devoted to useful and interesting purposes, and are suggestive of the paths of duty, while they all combine to produce that order,

" Which nothing earthly gives or can destroy,
The soul's calm sunshine and the heartfelt joy."

These are the purposes for which we are thus banded together. And, moreover, we are not a secret society, only so far as is necessary to ensure our unity and carry out our professions and practices. Where, when, and who assemble, is, or may be, known to all. The names of the officers are widely published, and there is no Mason who will deny his Brotherhood. Books are published illustrative of our principles, and all the world can read therein, that, if we are true followers of our professions, we are not wanting as citizens or Christians. We exert no influence on public measures or actions, save that still, silent, beneficent influence which our teachings should produce on our lives and deeds. By our acts without, let us develop that which is sowed here, and practically demonstrate what good can come from our Nazareth. As patriots, philanthropists, and good citizens, let Masonry point to her votaries, and with pride proclaim, *Si requiris monumenta, circumspice*.

My predecessor has given a full detail of the present state of the Grand Lodge, and of its flourishing condition, to which he has so much conduced by his judgment and unceasing attention. I have, therefore, but a few words to add. I would suggest for your consideration, the propriety, nay, the necessity, of providing better and more ample accommodations for your

Grand Secretary. All other Grand Lodges of standing are thus provided. Brethren visiting this city, requiring information, seek for the Recording Officer of the Parent Body, not only to learn the details of Massachusetts Masonry, but from him to gather the lore of the whole Masonic world. Arrangements might be made, and at a small expense, to accommodate the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer together.

Deeming the formation of a better Library of essential importance and interest, and as, under my predecessor, one has been commenced, which already contains rare and valuable works, I would call the attention of the Fraternity to the subject. Circulars have been issued requesting the donation of books and pamphlets relating to Masonry, and I trust that the Brethren will respond to the request.

At the last meeting, a dispensation was granted to our German Brethren for a new Lodge, to be entitled the "Germania Lodge," in order that those of that nation, not sufficiently conversant with the language of the land of their adoption, might reap the full benefits of that Order, which recognizes no language save that of Masonry, which is universal. The Teutonic stock has ever been welcome to our shores. Their honesty, industry and thrift are well known and appreciated. We extend to them the hand of friendship here, feeling a firm assurance that we are adding to that extended basis on which our great superstructure rests.

And, turning to his immediate predecessor, he concluded as follows:—

Having now concluded the few general remarks which seemed pertinent to the occasion, allow me, my Most Worshipful and Reverend Brother, to felicitate you on the prosperity and success which have attended your administration. Reversing the classic phrase, let me add, *Non equidem miror, invideo magis*. I envy that calmness in debate, that executive tact, that eloquence, which have for three years adorned the Chair, and shed from the East such grace and efficiency. I thank you for all you have done and so well done, and I am confident that

your Brethren assembled here, and throughout our jurisdiction, accord in general approbation, and they have directed me to perform the pleasing duty of presenting, to this Grand Lodge, the Portrait of their now Past Grand Master, procured by the subscriptions of the Fraternity, with their prayers that the living form may long be spared to them, and that the "presentment" may continue for many, many years to adorn our Temple, and that a prosperous Brotherhood may be long reminded of one, who, in his day and generation, was the "first among his equals."

[Selected from papers left by Dr. Lewis.]

REMARKS AT THE INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS,
DEC. 27, 1854.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER [ABRAHAM T. LOWE, M.D.].

With especial pleasure I feel the delights as well as the duties of my office by thus investing you, and before my assembled Brethren I thank you for the acceptance of that duty, which will give to me the able and discreet counsellor, and the long-tried faithful Mason; that in these later times of prosperity, as well as in former period of depression, you have not hesitated to come up to help and to assist, without hope of fee or reward, in sustaining that edifice, now firmly built up by the finishing keystone of public opinion and favor. The offices you have so well sustained in our City and State Governments have rendered you familiar with details which will facilitate your own duties and aid the inexperience of the Chair. Your place is *there*, and to the right shall I turn with confidence to one who has ever maintained the right amid the fluctuations of our Order.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN [HON. WILLIAM C. PLUNKETT].

You, my honored Brother, you, who have not hesitated in the acceptance of office, although others of high responsibility, in the external world, you have won with distinction, receive my cordial acknowledgments. The place you are to occupy has been filled by those who were ornaments of Masonry and society,

and we all feel that the Brotherly excellences are still to be seated in the West.

You wear as the distinctive badge the *Level*. Let this impress upon you that great fundamental feature of our Institution, — that all men are Brethren of the same stock, of the same nature, sharers of the same hopes. Let it teach that the sunshine of success may be soon clouded by the darkness of misfortune, and that in life's eventful rotation, in its chequered results, each moment may place us where fraternal sympathies are needed. Taught by that monitor, may we all level our passions to the bounds of moderation; level the exuberance of the pride of success; level our hearts to the generous impulses of charity, and make it the practical maxim of our lives to make goodness the only sure distinction. Your place is in the West, representing the Sun at its closing. Be you also like that glorious luminary, which, having vivified the earth, sinks slowly and majestically beneath the western horizon. Like it, may you, having finished your course, on the level of time, sink tranquilly into the bosom of the common mother, leaving the twilight of your virtues when you shall have disappeared forever.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN [CAPT. SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON].

I now invest you with the *Plumb*, and like other emblems, its language, though mute, speaks loudly. It symbolizes rectitude, that moral uprightness by which we should walk in the world, of that standard, which, duly practised, will not allow us to swerve or vacillate from those principles which should influence us in our relations to God and man. And you, my Worshipful Brother, and you, my Brethren, enforce the teachings of the external badges of Masonry. In all there is ever, more or less distinctly and directly, some embodiment and revelation of excellence, so that the invisible blends itself with the visible. They are more eloquent than words. They speak to all. They have both an extrinsic and intrinsic value. There is no intrinsic value in a military banner, but extrinsically it reminds us of duty, of heroic daring; in some instances of freedom, of right. Nay, the highest ensign that men ever met and

embraced under, the Cross itself, had no meaning, save an accidental, extrinsic one, an acquired divineness and worth, which as Christians, as Masons, we venerate. Thus observant of the monitions of your emblem, until that great leveller Death has arrested Time with you here, you will arrive to that Fraternity where nor emblems nor device are needed, for there the Great Source of Light pervades all.

GRAND TREASURER [THOMAS TOLMAN].

In inducting you into that office to which you have been unanimously re-elected, and which has been filled with that exactitude and correctness which have ever characterized you in the duties of life, receive my personal respect and regard; and be assured that with all your Brethren I can add, that where our treasure is, there are our hearts also. Of duties so well understood and practised, I have nought to say. Your place is on my right, where we as Masons have taught that Fidelity has its seat. You, therefore, both from character and office, find there your appropriate seat.

GRAND SECRETARY [CHARLES W. MOORE].

In placing this jewel on one, who to me has been the truest, kindest, warmest friend, I feel the emotions which the past twenty-five years of mutual union and confidence should now recall. I cannot enforce on you the duties of your office, or allude to the pertinency of the emblem of your station. How you have exercised the pen, with what force, excellence and success, let Masonry answer in behalf of her devotees throughout the world.

Fourteen years ago I congratulated this Grand Lodge on your duties, so faithfully and successfully performed. Time has only increased their efficiency. I still can describe you now as then, the *Fidei Defensor*, a living, walking, Masonic Encyclopædia, one of the tall copies, without spot or blemish, of the best and clearest type, without errata; an edition dedicated to the whole Craft. May it be stereotyped and copies multiplied, when the *Editio Princeps* shall have passed away.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The importance of the office to which you have been appointed claims the formality and ceremonies of induction and installation quite equal, if not superior, to that of any other. You are the official representatives of the head of the Grand Lodge, the *alter ego* in your several districts. Fidelity and scrutiny in the performance of your duties are peculiarly required. As the heart, the vital centre, cannot preserve its functions unimpaired without a healthy condition of the ramifying branches, so this Parent Body would languish if its subordinate supporters did not well do their work. That work has been well done, and with your co-operation, and the correct action of the Craft, our Masonic edifice is of the fairest structure, square and enduring. Our light is pure and radiant, diffusing its splendor like a Masonic Pharos, showing the best course, and the surest track. Enjoin on your Brethren, in the "piping" times of increase, to be the more wary. May you report well of your duties and relations in regard to your Brethren. Report the accession of the good, rather than the rush of the mere many; and enforce on your constituents that every one admitted to membership should be of that reputation, that you can hail him not only in the Lodge, but among the world, and in your own domestic sanctuary. A new Masonic year has commenced. I trust that we shall meet at its close under the same happy auspices which now gladden and stimulate us all.

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

RELAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 12, 1855.

[Entered upon Record, as per vote of Grand Lodge, Sept. 12th, 1855.]

On the 7th day of August last (1855), while the workmen

employed by the Commissioners in making repairs to the foundation of the State House were removing a portion of the earth at the south-east corner of the building, they were surprised by the appearance of a few copper coins and a small leaden box (if such it may be called), which consisted of two pieces of sheet lead, loosely put together, without the usual solder generally used by workers in that metal. This accident disclosed the fact that the rough granite stone, still in its place, was the corner-stone of the capitol, and that the deposit made in 1795 was placed upon the soil with no other protection than a small quantity of the cement employed by the operatives in the construction of the foundation of the building.

With praiseworthy alacrity Messrs. Joseph R. Richards and Samuel K. Hutchinson, two of the Commissioners on the alterations of the State House, secured all the deposits, together with the material that formerly enclosed them, and after consulting His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, and an antiquarian gentleman of Boston, resolved upon having the same plate and coins replaced, without any special display, under a new stone, in a securely prepared metal box, hermetically sealed.

Accordingly, on Saturday, August 11, 1855, just sixty years and thirty-eight days from the date of the original laying of the corner-stone, the ancient deposits were placed in a new metallic box, made for the purpose, and replaced, without any special ceremony, by the regular successors of those who officiated in 1795, in the same corner, but under a newly hammered granite ashlar, resting upon another block of granite, firmly laid upon a new foundation.

This stone is easily distinguished, by being the lowest hammered ashlar, on the south-east corner of the building, that has levelled edges.

Before placing the plate within the newly prepared box, a suitable inscription, furnished for the Commissioners, was engraved on its obverse. It reads thus : —

THE
Corner-Stone of the Capitol

HAVING BEEN REMOVED, IN CONSEQUENCE OF ALTERATION AND
ADDITIONS TO THE BUILDING,

THE ORIGINAL DEPOSIT, TOGETHER WITH THIS INSCRIPTION,
IS REPLACED BY

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL WINSLOW LEWIS, M.D.,
GRAND MASTER,

AND OTHER OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

IN PRESENCE OF

HIS EXCELLENCY HENRY J. GARDNER,
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH,

ON THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST,
A.D. 1855, A. L. 5855.

JOSEPH R. RICHARDS, SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON,
GEORGE M. THACHER,
Commissioners.

The silver coins of the United States currency of the present year, and the copper cents and half cents of the last four years, were likewise placed in a box, together with an impression of the State seal, the title-page of the first volume of the newly printed Massachusetts Colony Reports, and morning papers of the day.

After the lid of the box was securely screwed down, the joints were well soldered, and the box was cemented in an excavation prepared in the bottom face of the corner-stone, which was subsequently set in its place, in a firm manner, under the direction of the Commissioners.

The M.W. Grand Master, Winslow Lewis, M.D., in replacing

the deposits, addressed the Governor and other officers of the State present, in the following terms:—

“In behalf of the officers of the Grand Lodge, who are the representatives of a numerous Fraternity in this State, I thank your Excellency and the Honorable Committee, for the privilege of participating in this interesting occasion — one naturally suggestive of the transactions and changes which time has effected since this stone was first placed here, now sixty years ago. The growth of population, the increase of wealth, the diffusion of education, the lives of the great and good who have presided over the destinies of the Commonwealth, and its rapid and uniform progress, would be themes on which a speaker might proudly dilate. But the simple ceremonial which has called a few together, without ceremony, forbids any extended remarks, and I have only to add, in placing this box, the hope that the good Providence which has so long smiled on our happy State may still vouchsafe to us his continued blessings.”

The ceremony of replacement, and which was not of a sufficiently interesting and important character to demand a public display, was conducted in a quiet and unostentatious manner, and was witnessed by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, the President of the Senate, Members of the Executive Council, the Heads of the Departments of State, and other gentlemen.

[From the Records of the Grand Lodge.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 12, 1855.

The Committee on the Library report that the object for which they were appointed has been attained so far, that they have the satisfaction of stating that a very good collection of the best works on Masonry has been procured, either by purchase or donation. That the sum expended amounts only to the small amount of something less than \$100. The rest were the gifts of generous and zealous Brethren; and your committee with pleasure would allude, among these, especially to Brother Thomas Waterman, who presented his collection, the gathering of many years. It consisted of twenty-two volumes

8vo, and three folio, containing a series of works bound in chronological order, with copious indexes and notes by this diligent and well-informed Brother. That ardent Mason, Robert Morris, Esq., of Kentucky, also sent several valuable additions. And Brother Leblanc Marconnay, of Paris, has not forgotten us. A member of this Grand Lodge donated a large number, principally collected during a residence on the Continent, and comprising much that is curious in Masonic literature.

The collection at present consists of one hundred and ninety-six volumes bound, and five hundred pamphlets. There are many works, both of value and rarity. There are some in the French, Spanish, Italian, German and Dutch languages.

It is proposed by your committee, at the termination of their duties, to prepare suitable expressions of the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the several donors for their liberality and attention to this important object.

When a suitable apartment shall have been procured for the executive officers of the Grand Lodge, the library will be there placed, and accessible to the Fraternity after a librarian shall have been selected, and other preliminaries adopted.

As, therefore, the duties devolving on your committee are not fully completed, they ask for further time to finish their labors.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
For the Committee.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 12, 1855.

The Committee to procure the Portraits of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts report that they have the satisfaction to announce that their labors are now completed, and with more success than was anticipated at the time of their appointment. To obtain this result has required great perseverance, a large sacrifice of time and patience, and much of personal toil; but they deem these not in vain when these walls now almost speak of so many of the departed,

whose lives and memories are so interwoven with the bright history of Massachusetts Masonry, and not of Masonry only, but with the glory of our old Bay State. Omitting their titles of distinction, let their names alone be their heralds:—

Joseph Warren; John Warren; John Cutler; Paul Revere; Josiah Bartlett; Samuel Dunn; Isaiah Thomas; Benjamin Russell; Francis J. Oliver; Samuel P. P. Fay; John Dixwell; John Abbot; John Soley; Joseph Jenkins; Joshua B. Flint; Paul Dean; Caleb Butler; Augustus Peabody; Simon W. Robinson; Edward A. Raymond, and George M. Randall. Nearly all these were painted by that very excellent artist, our Brother John Pope, and the likenesses are deemed admirable.

Of the whole series two only are wanting and cannot be obtained: those of the Hon. Timothy Bigelow and Gen. Elijah Crane; and when it is considered that the period of their administration embraces the long term of eighty-five years, it is surely remarkable that so many of the "old familiar faces" are thus preserved to their successors. The committee were also authorized to enrich the collection (by a vote of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund) with a portrait of Robert G. Shaw, long a member of that Board, and one who was found a true friend when friends were most needed.

St. John's Lodge, the oldest in the United States, at the instigation of your committee, also favored us by the "presentment" of that most indefatigable and time-honored Mason, John B. Hammatt, Past Master of that Lodge in 1810; one still with us to inspire with his presence that devotion and zeal which he has for fifty-five years ever manifested in the "good old cause."

Thus, my Brethren, the committee, in evidence of their industry, can bid you look around on these walls, now graced by the effigies of those who once graced the Chair of this Grand Lodge; and may we all be inspired by the faces of the departed, as well as by those who still are with us, to deserve the consideration and respect due to the good and the true.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
For the Committee.

ADDRESS OF DR. LEWIS AT THE CLOSE OF HIS FIRST
YEAR AS GRAND MASTER.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1855.

ADDRESS.

Another year is added to our venerable and venerated Institution; again we meet under auspices the most cheering, under circumstances the most favoring; and it becomes us humbly and devoutly to acknowledge that protecting Providence which has upheld and sustained us. May we now and ever look to Him for support and guidance. Throughout the world the accession to the Order has been great; perhaps unparalleled. The timid and the cautious have trembled at its increase, and its prosperity has excited alarm. We confess that we entertain no such distrust. We have confidence in the justice of the cause in which we are engaged, and though the storms come, as in the past they have come, the tempests blow, as they have blown, we shall not be shaken, for the rock of TRUTH is our foundation, and against it error shall not prevail.

Within our own jurisdiction all has been harmonious. We have no dissensions to report, no wounds to heal. Our increase has been rapid but healthy; our course onward and cheering. Cities, towns and villages have added to the Brotherhood and strengthened the tie which binds us to the cause of a universal philanthropy.

The year has passed without a diminution of officers of our Grand Lodge by death. We have been spared once more to gather together; and the sad memorial to departed Brothers, which annually occupies a portion of the address from the Chair, and tinges its features with sadness, it is permitted us, on this occasion, by the mercy of our Father, to omit, but not without our devout thanks for his sparing mercy.

Of the various occurrences during the year, in which this Grand Lodge was called to participate, it may not be without interest to the Brethren to allude particularly to some.

A delegation from Philadelphia visited Boston, and were received and entertained at this our *Masonic Home*; and it is

to be hoped that that brotherly love and interest, which have been so long maintained between us, were strengthened and confirmed by that pleasant reunion.

The Grand Lodge, at the invitation of the Lodge at Milford, celebrated the festal day of Masonry at that flourishing place. It was a day of pleasure to all who attended, and the exercises were of a character which reflected great credit on the Milford Brethren.

By the politeness, the good taste, and correct judgment of the Commissioners on enlarging the State House, sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor, the Grand Master was invited to relay the corner-stone, and a plate was by him deposited, which bore the record, that a successor of Paul Revere (the then Grand Master, who laid the original) was present sixty years subsequent, to assist in a like ceremony.

On the 24th of September the new Masonic edifice in Chestnut street, Philadelphia, was dedicated in the most imposing manner. The Grand Lodge of this State were present in full numbers, and received those attentions and fraternal courtesies due to the most ancient Grand Body of Masons in the United States. We cannot but express the pleasure and pride we feel on stating our conviction, that for splendor of accommodation that beautiful edifice is unsurpassed anywhere. As a valuable hint to the Brethren in this jurisdiction, let it be noted, for their example, that the most pleasing and attractive feature in the vast procession on that day was the uniformity and elegant simplicity of the regalia. The apron of lambskin, and a plain blue sash were more effective than the most gorgeous paraphernalia; and we would enforce on our Order here the necessity of a uniform regalia among us, as more consonant with good taste and elegance.

September 17th the Grand Master was invited to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the *Fres Public Library of the City of Boston*. Resolutions passed the Board of Aldermen on the expediency and propriety of observing this time-hallowed practice. The head of the Municipal Government being of the Order, and as there also appeared to be a general

desire that the Masonic ceremonies should be observed on the occasion, it is with regret we add that they were wholly omitted. We leave the subject without further comment.

On November 8th the very beautiful edifice erected by the Brethren of Fraternal Lodge, at Hyannis, was dedicated by the Grand Master. The assemblage was large, and everything on the occasion evinced good fellowship and prosperity in this flourishing Masonic District.

Since occupying the Chair of this Grand Lodge, the incumbent has felt the want of information respecting the condition and standing of the other Grand Lodges of the United States, their actions, opinions and decisions. It is evident that such information would be highly valuable and important. It might shed "more light," and make us better acquainted with the great Band with which we are united. It is submitted to you whether our accomplished Corresponding Grand Secretary might not be requested to prepare an annual statement, embracing the subjects just alluded to.

Communications have been received from several of the District Deputies. It is of the greatest importance that all these officers should transmit them. Without this observance, how can the condition of our Lodges be known here, or their mode of work, or any discrepancies which may exist? It is incumbent upon this Body to remedy a complaint, which has been made by many Lodges, that they have no opportunity afforded them by the Parent Body of being taught the lectures and correct work. This should be done by either the Grand Lecturers or the District Deputies, who are competent to do so, and their expenses paid from the common fund.

It is recommended, by the Grand Officer of the 10th District, that the charter of Mt. Vernon Lodge, Belchertown, Thomas, Monson, and Humanity, Brimfield, be recalled, as these have long since ceased to be working Lodges. It is, therefore, suggested that they be stricken from the roll.

It is with regret that the Chair is compelled by a sense of imperious duty to state that Dispensations for conferring degrees with uncalled-for rapidity have been granted to an alarming

number. If, among those who have thus erred, there be any present let them in future be chary of such favors. The necessity should be urgent, and well considered, ere granted; and to those, whether present or absent, who have the exercise of such power, let its operation be deeply impressed on their minds. One thus hastily received into the Order must necessarily lose much of the import and impress of his duties and obligations. His ideas of Masonry must be vague and, perhaps, unsatisfactory. Bewildered at the portal, he can discover no beauties in the edifice. The basis being feeble, there cannot be raised a proper superstructure. Let this be amended.

The "Charity Fund" is very naturally an object of interest and solicitude to the members of the Grand Lodge, and to every Massachusetts Mason; and though this may not be the place, and, if it were, the Chair has neither the data nor the time for a detailed history of it, yet it may not be uninteresting to some of our Brethren present to learn that it has been in existence for nearly half a century, and that it has been, under a kind Providence, an important and efficient instrument in sustaining the interests of this Grand Lodge, and of the Fraternity throughout this whole Commonwealth. But for it we should not now be assembled in this beautiful hall; but for it Masonry in this Commonwealth would at this moment be without a permanent home. Its origin was briefly as follows:—

In December, 1809, the Grand Lodge appointed a committee, consisting of R.W. Brothers John Soley, Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell, Benj. Russell, and Shubael Bell, to digest and report a "plan for carrying into execution a Fund for Charity," as contemplated by the fourth chapter of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. This committee did not make their report until January, 1811, when they submitted a plan, the wisdom of which an experience of nearly fifty years has but approved and confirmed. It provided for the holding of the Fund by a Board, to be denominated the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and to consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, and four Breth-

ren to be chosen by Grand Lodge, to serve during good behavior. The first Trustees so chosen were Josiah Bartlett, M.D., John Warren, M.D., Hon. Thomas Dawes, and Rev. Dr. John Elliott; and these Brethren, with Hon. Timothy Bigelow, G.M., Hon. John Abbot, D.G.M., and Andrew Sigourney, Esq., G.T., constituted the *first* Board. The plan thus submitted, further provided for the increase of the Fund, by appropriating one-fourth part of the annual dues paid by the Lodges to the Grand Lodge, and one dollar for each candidate initiated within the jurisdiction, together with one-half of all donations to the Grand Lodge, not otherwise appropriated by the donors. As a basis to build upon, the Grand Lodge, in 1811, voted \$1,000 in *specie* to the Fund. It also provided that no loan or donation should be made from the principal of the Fund, until the income thereof should amount to \$3,000 per annum, though the Treasurer was empowered to hold in his hands one year's interest, to be distributed in charity to worthy Brethren, should occasion require.

There is not time to follow up the history of the Fund, to depict its early struggles, its many trials and discouragements, or its importance in the great struggle of this Grand Lodge, when, but for its efficient aid, the wisest among us is not wise enough to say what the result might have been. Of this, we are certain, that for many years the only pecuniary support this Grand Lodge received from any source came from this Fund.

For the better security of the Fund, the Grand Lodge, in 1816, applied to the Legislature and obtained an act of incorporation; under which it continued to hold its property, and to transact its fiscal business, until the year 1834, when, for wise reasons, it surrendered its legal charter to the Body from whence it was received, and resumed its position as a voluntary association. At this time it had invested its Charity Fund in real estate, in this Temple, which it could neither safely hold nor manage, except as provided by the laws of this Commonwealth. It accordingly sold the property outright to a wealthy and trustworthy Brother, who held it until such time as the Grand Lodge thought itself warranted in repurchasing it for the benefit of the Frater-

nity, not of Boston, but of the whole State. This it did; and had the property conveyed by deed to nine Trustees, in perpetuity, with power to fill their own vacancies, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. These Trustees are required by the deed of trust to pay the debt due to the Grand Charity Fund, and all mortgages and other demands against the property, or which the Grand Lodge had contracted in the erection of the building. This they have done to a very considerable extent, and the probability is, that, in a few years more of prosperity, they will be able to free the building from all incumbrances. At that time, and not before, it may properly be regarded as a source of income to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Charity Fund at present consists of an investment in this Temple, — one safe and productive; and the Fund gives promise of being able, in a short period, to lend its aid to a more extended action of Masonic charity.

The Trustees of the Temple have paid during the last five years on the debt of the Grand Lodge, besides making necessary and some expensive alterations and repairs, the sum of \$6,608.79, leaving a debt still due on note and mortgage amounting to \$14,500, besides the sum due the Grand Charity Fund. From my own knowledge, this Board are entitled to the entire confidence and thanks of the Grand Lodge for their faithfulness and disinterested services. Their labors have been arduous and their industry untiring. They have given their talents and time to the work, and though they have a lawful right to a fair compensation for their services, secured to them by the deed of trust, I am happy, as I am proud to say, that they have never appropriated so much as "half a Jewish shekel of silver" to their own use, or to any other purpose whatever than the actual and legitimate purposes of their appointment.

There is a subject which has been agitated in most of the Grand Lodges of these United States, but, so far, it is believed, without any successful result, viz.: the bringing of non-affiliated Masons to share in the labors and expenses to which every one should lend his aid. The Brother who does not do either of these is undeserving of his title. He is a drone in our hive.

He, or his posterity, his widow and orphans, may reap where he has not sown, and may share where he has had no investment. It is of importance to find a remedy for such backsliders, and it is submitted to your wisdom to apply it.

During the past year the following warrants and charters have been issued, viz. : —

Jan. 18. Warrant to Agawam Lodge, at Wareham, to John M. Kenney and others, on the recommendation of Plymouth and King David's Lodges.

March 16. Warrant to De Witt Clinton Lodge, at Sandwich, to the Rev. Thos. Borden and others. Recommended by Fraternal Lodge, Barnstable.

March 15. Warrant to Gate-of-the-Temple Lodge, at South Boston, to Rev. J. H. Clinch and others. Recommended by St. Paul's Lodge.

March 16. Charter returned to Good Samaritan Lodge, at Reading.

Sept. 12. Charter granted to Mount Hermon Lodge, Medford, to George Hervey and others.

Dec. 12. Warrant to Blackstone River Lodge, at Blackstone, to Lewis Warfield and others. Recommended by Montgomery Lodge.

Dec. 13. Charter granted to Germania Lodge, Boston, to A. T. Bloch and others.

Dec. 13. Charter to Benj. Franklin Lodge, West Dennis, to Henry A. Rugg and others.

Dec. 13. Charter to Mount Horeb Lodge, West Harwich, to Anthony Kelley and others.

Dec. 13. Charter to Putnam Lodge, East Cambridge, to Ezra Ripley and others.

Dec. 13. Warrant to Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn, to David Tillson and ten others. Recommended by King Hiram Lodge, West Cambridge.

The number of initiates in the several districts is as follows : —

District 1, 283 ; 2, 108 ; 3, 84 ; 4, 26 ; 5, 33 ; 6, 37 ; 7, 48 ; 8, 86 ; 9, 47 ; 10, 50 ; Nantucket, 4 ; Valparaiso, S. A., 17 ; Germania, U. D., 13 ; Putnam, U. D., 15 ; Mount Hermon, U. D.,

5; Wareham and Provincetown, no returns; being a total in round numbers of nine hundred.

Thus, my Brethren, you have a very cursory detail, but one evincing nought but prosperity. It has been stated that we neither fear nor tremble at the omen. The seed thus sown cannot all fall upon stony ground. Some must take root. What a product, if but even a moiety of successful increase! This warmed into a dilated benevolence, expanded to a better appreciation of the relations which should be fostered between mankind, it must have its wide, salutary, holy influences. In all human organizations there will be mingled the active and energetic with the lukewarm and inefficient. We trust that we shall have received among us enough of the good leaven to lighten and invigorate the old stock, and to perpetuate those principles and actions which so long have shed a halo on the Institution of Freemasonry. So mote it be!

REMARKS OF DR. LEWIS AT THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE, NOV. 30, 1856.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Winslow Lewis, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, said:—

WORSHIPFUL MASTER:—As the official exponent of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as the Grand Master of the most venerable Masonic organization on this continent, I deem it and feel it to be the great feature of my official life, that the Centennial observance of St. Andrew's Lodge has occurred during my occupancy of the East, and that it is my high privilege to congratulate the Brethren on this, their festal day (which may well be termed the climacteric year of their existence), and to share with them the felicitations which exhilarate and cheer them on the completion of the hundredth year of their prosperous and honorable career.

Of that career your faithful orator and historian for the occasion [Hamilton Willis] has portrayed its incipency and pro-

gress; its onward and upward advance; its relations to the Order; its services, through its members, to the great cause of Freemasonry, as well as indirectly also to that of liberty and independence, in their capacity as citizens; and before taking my seat I cannot resist the inclination I feel, to pay the tribute of acknowledgment and thanks so eminently due to that distinguished Brother, who has contributed so largely to the interest and success of the occasion, by the eloquent and appropriate words he has spoken to us. I believe that I only give voice to the sentiment of all who have enjoyed the felicity of listening to him, when I tender to him the sincere thanks of all, and award to him the grateful praise of having acquitted himself of the laborious and responsible duty imposed upon him by his Brethren, in a manner worthy of his subject and of his own reputation as an accomplished Mason. For the handsome terms in which he has spoken of the Body over which I have the honor to preside, he has my personal thanks. In a word, your orator has presented to his auditors the honorable path in which St. Andrew's has ever marched, and which has conducted it to its present culmination of success. Well may your hearts respond with pride on this the "white day" of your organization.

And well may you say in the words of the great poet:—

" After my death I wish no other herald,
No other speaker of my living actions,
To keep mine honor from corruption,
But such an honest chronicler as Griffiths."

Thus far as Grand Master; but I leave the Chair and take my place among you as one of your Lodge, as a "quasi member," for you have constituted me as such by your courtesies, your hospitable kindness, extended for so many years. Among you are the most loved friends of my Masonic life, my greatest social support, the hearts on which I lean, and which have never failed in their sustaining power. Words are but poor tributes to pay my dues to this Lodge. If there was a better coinage you should have it; golden cannot express it,

and, for my happiness in the future, let me hint that it is my ardent wish that the indebtedness may never be diminished.

If this connection may be continued, and my life be spared for another decade; if these friendships may endure till old age—the “threescore years and ten”—come, then I shall feel that in true friendship’s foliage there is no “sere or yellow leaf.” In the silent register of my heart “St. Andrew’s” will live, while memory lives.

I give you as a sentiment:—

MAY THE RECORDS OF YOUR LODGE CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST TO TESTIFY PROSPERITY, UNITY, AND THE PRACTICE OF ALL MASONIC VIRTUES.

ADDRESS OF DR. LEWIS AT THE CONSTITUTION OF
WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, BOSTON, DEC. 26, 1856.

Amid the varied embarrassments of a varied life, of the many positions in which circumstances have placed me, where there was a demand for readiness of action or of speech,—and there have been many, when, by a species of “floundering,” I have escaped, surprised at the survival,—none has so palled my serenity, or so overcome my self-possession, as the present one. I have addressed Lodges abroad in bad French,—have ventured, in worse Italian, a speech to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and even succeeded tolerably with his Holiness Pius IX. But these all were such as befall the many who visit such “lions,” or witness the “elephant” here and there. This has a more difficult aspect, producing, W. Master, that unpleasant peculiar action, well known to those illy gifted in speech (not, sir, that you have so suffered), where *vox hæsit faucibus*.

To you, Worshipful Master [Clement A. Walker, M.D.], I address myself, as both my Masonic and Professional Brother—as one deservedly high in both relations, with a heart for others’ woes, and a skill to minister to the mind diseased. And it would seem that Masonry and medicine are not deemed incompatible by our Brethren; that there was almost some alliance or connection between them. It

certainly cannot be that there is any disease in the Order; and, therefore, these are selected to that duty which they are supposed best to understand — the administering to morbid bodies! Surely not! But the fact is determinate and prominent. Six of the Grand Masters of our venerable Grand Lodge were physicians. One fell, liberty's first martyr, on Bunker's Heights, — three were Presidents of the Massachusetts Medical Society, — one is now an eminent Professor of Surgery in the great school of Louisville, Ky., and the last is one not likely to *fall* for any service he may render his country, nor has he any aspirations in that direction! Neither has he been, or ever will be, President of our State Medical Society. The only compliment to be paid him is that he presided over the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts two years, and no harm befell it! Both the Encampments of this city are excellently managed by M.D.'s, both adepts in wielding the lance for health as for chivalry, — and all our Lodges are teeming with the sons of Esculapius.

But the power, the extended peculiarity of the connection, has been demonstrated this evening in the consecration of your new organization. It is chartered under the name of an humble medical individual, known only as an active Mason, and as one who cuts society with tolerable success! By his official position you have been inducted to the privileges of fellowship with the Lodges. Two of your first officers are of the Medical Corps, and among you are included the professional Heads of the House of Correction, the Lunatic Asylum, and of the Quarantine, Deer Island, and United States Marine Hospital. What an array to meet any emergency which may befall a *Body*! And for those even who may require safe-keeping, you have the Master of the Jail! I trust that this last Brother may find his office a sinecure as regards you all, and that you may never need his official hospitality or shelter! With these and others, true and trusty, you now commence your career as a duly and regularly constituted Lodge; and now is the period for laying the basis on which your superstructure is to rest, — to regulate a platform of the requirements you demand from all who are to form your future associates, of those who are to be admitted to your Masonic

hearth. "The Spiritualists," to ensure the success of their operations, form a circle, and the efficiency of the manifestations they deem dependent on the "mediums" being consentaneous in their sentiments and feelings. One, not sufficiently imbued, breaks the harmony, and the efforts of the rest are null, ineffective. So compose *your Masonic* circle, that the electric chain may be unbroken, that the kindly spark may be transmitted through *all*, without discord of action or feeling; that the same thrill of affection shall vibrate through every heart, producing that glorious manifestation, a Brotherhood dwelling together in peace and unity. You may not produce "rappings," but every heart will beat more vigorously with pleasure's increased pulsation. You may not receive "communications" from the spirit land, but be assured all good angels hover over those who seek the well-being of their fellows — the promotion of diffused happiness.

How important is the act by which another is added to our Order — by which the "Mr." is baptized into "Bro." and, alas! how much to be deplored when one is rejected from the privileges to which he may justly be entitled! Consider well what you do with your great power, — with your **BLACK BALL**, — which may wound not only the sensibilities but the reputation of a good man. Think before you act.

In the Lodges in France, and in the French Lodges in this country, whenever a ballot is taken for the solemn purpose of admitting or rejecting, the box is placed on the altar, resting on the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses. The Brethren advance singly, for a moment pause, take the ballot, and, making the sign of the degree, slowly deposit it. The effect of this is both impressive and good. It reminds them that what they are about to do is an act requiring calm consideration, — an act which involves deep responsibilities. Thus standing alone, in the centre of the Lodge, before the Altar of God, with God's Word there placed, with emblems also to remind him of his high duties, will the Brother not shrink from the exercise of the malevolent passions, and let conscientiousness alone be his sole monitor? I commend this practice to your consideration. It will take a little more time, but its loss will be your gain.

My Brethren :— This is the last time that I shall be privileged to address a Lodge as Grand Master, and the last subject, but the first in importance, is the selection of your associates. I charge you, look well to, and ponder most seriously on, the effect of every ballot cast for admission. How much evil one black sheep may produce upon a whole flock ! How “one bad voice will put twenty good ones out of tune” ! Most seriously do I emphasize on the importance of the severest scrutiny into *all* the qualifications and peculiarities of those who are to be admitted into the “household of your faith.”

There are men who, in the transactions of life, in their vocation, their business, are fair, just and honorable ; humane and generous at times ; but who are endowed with a morbid excitability, a morbid jealousy, imputing wrong to all who may differ from them, and suspecting evil when none was practised or intended. Touch them however gently, and they explode, making confusion and strife, stirring up the angry passions, painful recriminations and discord ; ever carping at the motives and actions of those whose judgments differ from their own ; scanning with the most acrid severity, and eagerly watching for an expression, ay, even for a look, on which they may eject their venom. Such, gifted with the power of “talk” (and generally such are loud and constant declaimers), *vox et præterea nihil*, will too oft infuse their poison into the minds of the younger, collect around them a coterie, call this, perhaps, “young America,” and all others “old fogies.” For them, age, experience, long-tried fidelity, are not the respected essentials. They would plough up the old soil without improving it, disturb the features of its ancient fields without any addition to their beauties, e’en though they shroud themselves, and all with them, in the dust and smoke of their innovations. Keep such out of your fraternal sanctuary ; but if, unluckily, you receive them, keep them *down*, if you wish to keep yourselves *up*. Scan well and probe deeply into the *motives* of those who would pass your threshold. Look to it that they are not influenced by expectations of mere personal interest or selfish advance. To Freemasonry they are useless. In them you receive no ac-

cession. Both parties are aggrieved and disappointed. They find not what they sought, nor you what you hoped for. They throw no incense on the altar of the heart. They add no fuel to keep alive the sacred flame of Brotherly Love and Relief.

They are called to give, when they look to receive. The real fund of Brotherhood and Friendship, of which they are made stockholders, to such is of no account. To them, "it don't pay," and the only satisfaction that will accrue to you is, that they will not trouble you long with their attendance; but to you the regret will attach, that, through you, drones have been added to a good hive, bringing no sweets, producing no addition but a miserable numerical one. Secure to yourselves those who give the promise of becoming useful as members of your Lodge, those who are capable of appreciating, and will devote their minds to its ritual; qualify and instruct themselves to fill the important stations as officers and leaders in the cause. Failing to secure such, how large may be your numbers, but how weak your organization! — how ineffective, how lifeless, how totally unimpressive your ceremonials! and consequently how feeble the impress on your initiates! I have seen the most solemn degree of Masonry *gone through with* (that is the proper phrase), and its impress on the recipient fall cold and powerless. The sublime monitions came as it were from a machine, an automaton. Words that should burn were uttered by icy lips, from a frozen soul — from a stolid mind. That same degree has been given, where the candidate has evinced, by his emotions, his tears, that his heart was reached to its very centre, was penetrated to its keenest and best susceptibilities — and why? Because it was properly administered, by one who understood and felt, and could communicate, with the strong force of action and delivery. This was the touch of Ithuriel, quickening into life; the other, the deadening weight of a stupid Bæotian. The one, the inanimate statue; the other, the vital, breathing, warm original. Select for your officers those whose position in society is prominent, well-known and esteemed, — not for their worldly wealth, but for the eminence of their characters, for honesty, benevolence,

moral worth and intelligence. The world looks to our officers as our Representative Men, as the exponents of our principles and actions. Show to it that your jewels are also those who are prized as citizens, as honored members of the general community. Besides character and position in life, knowledge of the work and lectures, there are other requirements—courtesy, mildness, judgment, grace, should be sought for in your choice. Place no dictator at your head—no *lex et ego* autocrat. The car of Masonry needs no such drivers, and 'tis a truism, “from where there is no judgment that the heaviest judgment comes.”

My Brethren, receive these suggestions from one deeply interested in your welfare and success, crude and disjointed as they are, unpolished and unadorned; though they may lack mind, the heart is not wanting.

And now, how can I thank you for the great compliment, ay, for the greatest honor of my life? In “storied urn or animated bust” posthumous rewards and praises are given to the departed. But here, while among you, with the chance whether my humble reputation may be sustained or lost, you have founded an Institution, and attached to it my name. Be assured it will be the strongest incentive to preserve the little I possess of what is good; and if that little should be less, you may still preserve your name without a blush, by using still the same, which, throughout a long, useful life, in the performance of life's highest duties, was attached to an old Mason, my honored father. My grateful thanks to you all, and though the unpretending name on your banner will not excite your emulation in a cause whose course is onward and upward, may it remind you of one who did his best with what God had favored him, in advancing that Order, whose end is “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

To those who have just commenced their Masonic career, permit me who have reaped so much of the harvest of my life's happiness from its fertile fields, enjoyed so profusely of its blessings through so long a period, now, as my official duties are almost closed, to declare, with gratitude, that to this con-

nexion I am indebted for the best friends, the best social blessings that can accrue to one, without the pale of his own family hearth. So may you all thus find the result with you in your new fraternal relation. May the light now kindled on your altar shed on your paths the most genial and cheering radiance.

“Almighty Jehovah!
Descend now and fill
This Lodge with thy glory,
Your hearts with good will!
Preside at your meetings,
Assist you to find
True pleasure in teaching
Good will to mankind.”

[From the Records of the Grand Lodge.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 30, 1856.

The M. W. Grand Master then arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:—

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

In peace and prosperity we once more gather together at this our annual close. Another Masonic year is added to our venerable Order; but its old age shows no decrepitude—no sere or yellow leaves flutter on the old oak; but a perennial foliage beautifies and increases its majestic trunk,—its branches spread further and wider with each revolving year. Time but gives it renewed strength and vigor. *Vires acquirit eundo*. The necessity for, and the advantages of, a society like that of Freemasonry is now universally acknowledged. It has become a fixed fact among the various organizations which have for their objects the relief of suffering, the ameliorations of humanity, and the union of man with his fellow-man. Of such associations it is the first, as it is the most extended in its relations,—knowing no high, no low, no rich, no poor, no language, no

country, no sect, as its limitations. The world is its sphere — a universal brotherhood, its aim.

Where there is the largest liberty, there its roots are the firmest, its growth the most rapid, its influences the most widely diffused, its operations the most beneficent, its excellence the most appreciated. It is, therefore, in our favored land increasing to a most unprecedented degree; public favor has smiled on its progress, and bids it God-speed in its course. No section is exempt in this increase, no portion but what has shared of this prosperity. In this jurisdiction about one thousand have been the last year's addition, — an addition of promise to its respectability, and to its kindly influences.

In my last Annual Communication there was no dread record announcing the loss of any of our number during the year. But brief must be the period when we are spared the fatal detail. Sooner or later, Death claims the fulness of his dark registry.

Three of our permanent members have left us forever, and have passed away to a happier fruition. The Hon. Samuel P. Fay, Past Grand Master, died on the 18th of May, and a notice of his life and character, with appropriate resolutions, was prepared by the R.W. Lucius R. Paige, and recorded at the Communication in June.

This Body has also lost one of its most active, best and endeared of its members, — one who for a quarter of a century was always present at every Communication; one who watched over its interests with the most scrupulous fidelity, guarded its funds with the most zealous care, fulfilled every Masonic duty with conscientiousness and exactitude. In life he attached to him the hearts of his Brethren; now dead, his memory will still connect us *vita conjuncti, etiam morte inseparabiles*.

John G. Loring was Treasurer for twenty-five years, also a Past Sen. Grand Warden, and a member of the Charity Fund Committee. How well he sustained those important relations our records will amply testify. Let us, ere we part, show, so far as words can express our feelings, the high appreciation we entertained of him while here, and our deep sense of the loss sustained by this Grand Lodge by his death. Very re-

cently a third has been added to the long list of the departed. The Hon. Seth Sprague, Past Sen. Grand Warden, died in this city the early part of this month, — a gentleman of probity and piety, universally respected and loved, he has been gathered to his fathers in the ripeness of years, in the fulness of honor.

At this, the close of my present official relation, permit me to make but one single suggestion, which has been forced on my attention by the experience of the two years of my administration. It is in relation to the apparently small amount annually appropriated by this Body to the cause of Masonic charity. The public, knowing nothing of the numerous fountains from whence our charities so copiously flow, of the large disbursements made by the subordinate bodies, of the drafts on the bounty of its individual members, look to the petty amount stated in our annual circular as the sum total of our benevolence. How far is this from the effective reality! If the records of the Grand Lodge, with those of all the Masonic Institutions, were spread before the public; if the hands which have given in secret, though open as day to melting charity, could point to the varied objects of their bounty; if the poor, the friendless, the stranger, the rich, could shout their gratitude, they would proclaim, "trumpet-tongued," of the good that has come from our Nazareth; that though not gazetted to the world, the stream of Brotherly relief flows deep, efficiently and full, cheering on its course many hearts. This will consecrate and preserve for time to come, as it has for ages past, our venerable Order.

" The breast which happiness bestows
Reflected happiness shall bless."

Let us, therefore, in this our day of prosperity, give as freely as we receive, and let our enlarged charity flow in a more abundant and copious stream; and especially let the amount annually voted by this Body be more commensurate both with our means, and I trust with the wishes of all its members.

A regalia becoming the dignity, wealth and respectability of

this most ancient Grand Lodge has been procured from England, and is precisely similar to that worn by that most dignified and most widely extended Body, our venerable parent, the Grand Lodge of England. May we imitate her excellences in the greater essentials as in these lesser particulars, and prove ourselves worthy scions of a noble stock.

Apartments have been provided in the central part of the city for the accommodation of the officers of the Grand Lodge; and the great facilities for transacting its business, the large number whose relations to the Institution call them there, and the convenience for the meetings of committees, make it quite apparent that these accommodations were imperiously required. And while on this subject, it has become evident to you all that this building is quite too limited for the increase of our numbers; that this our largest room is often filled to repletion; that the smaller apartments are not adapted to the purposes for which they are necessarily used, and that at no distant day our Fraternity will require a more spacious Temple than this. And here, also, let me express in behalf of all the Bodies who here meet, the deep obligations we owe to the Brothers Chickering for the liberality they have always manifested in offering their splendid halls to our service. It is not strange that the sons of such a sire should follow in their father's steps of liberality; but it is pleasing to record that it is so, and that the transmission of such excellence is unimpaired.

During the year this Body has assisted on two public occasions, at the invitation of the proper authorities, in rendering their services as Masons, viz.: the laying of the corner-stone of the State Lunatic Asylum, at Northampton, and the inauguration of the statue of Franklin at Boston. Both were legitimate occasions for Freemasonry; the first the commencement of a structure for the relief of humanity, the last a testimonial to our country's "Guide, Philosopher and Friend;" and, above all, to us, our illustrious, unwavering Brother, and a Grand Master. These were claims for our respect and attention. But I deprecate the appearance of our Order before the world, except for such purposes. It never should be done to

simply swell the pageantry of a procession, or to add to its numbers.

The *Library* has been increased, and is now of great value, and will vie with any collection of a similar character in the United States. I would commend it to the fostering care and liberality of my Brethren. It is the Depot of the congregated intelligence of the Masonic World, and the stock which represents this should be ample and choice.

The *Grand Lecturers* have visited such Lodges as required their services, which have been exceedingly beneficial to the interests of the Order, by infusing an increased interest as to the work and lectures; imparting regularity in these matters much needed and essential to the Craft; and it is to be hoped that, at every Quarterly Communication of this Body, the day will be devoted to these expositions, and we regret that this proposition should have been ever negatived.

The following are the Dispensations and Charters, Dedications and Consecrations of Lodges during the year, with the date, etc.:—

Jan. 4. Consecrated Germania Lodge, Boston.

Jan. 23. Consecrated Putnam Lodge, East Cambridge.

Jan. 31. Consecrated Mount Horeb Lodge, Medford.

Feb. 4. Dispensation, Paul Revere Lodge, North Bridgewater.

Feb. 8. Dedicated hall, at Greenfield.

Feb. 12. Charter returned of St. Alban's Lodge, Foxboro'.

Feb. 12. Dispensation, Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield, recommended by Hampden Lodge, Springfield, to R. H. Boise, and nine others.

March 4. Dispensation, Revere Lodge, Boston, recommended by St. John's Lodge, to G. M. Thacher, and others.

March 12. Charter to Gate of the Temple Lodge, at South Boston, to Richard M. Barker, and others.

March 13. Charter to De Witt Clinton Lodge, at Sandwich, to Thomas Borden and others.

March 21. Consecrated said Lodge.

March 24. Charter of Mountain Lodge returned, with permission to remove from Coleraine to Shelburne Falls.

March 31. Consecrated Gate of the Temple Lodge, South Boston.

June 12. Charter of Wisdom Lodge, West Stockbridge, returned to Sylvester Spencer, and seven others.

June 12. Charter, Marine Lodge, Falmouth, returned to W. Nye, and seven others.

June 12. Charter returned to Social Harmony Lodge, Wareham, to Benjamin Leonard, and seven others.

Aug. 28. Dispensation for Wyoming Lodge, Melrose, to J. S. Dennis, and nine others.

Sept. 10. Charter of Orphan's Hope Lodge, Weymouth, returned to Lovell Bicknell, and eight others.

Sept. 23. Dispensation to Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston, to Caleb Rand, and eighteen others.

Nov. 20. Dispensation to Star of the South Lodge, Republic of Chili, South America, to P. Conciani, and six others.

Dec. 10. Charter to Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn.

Dec. 10. Charter to Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield.

Dec. 10. Charter to Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston.

Dec. 10. Charter to Blackstone River Lodge, at Blackstone.

Dec. 15. Consecrated Mount Horeb Lodge, and dedicated hall.

Dec. 26. Consecrated Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston.

St. John's Day was celebrated at Springfield, by Hampden Lodge, the Grand Lodge being present. This time-honored Masonic Festival, on this occasion, was peculiarly brilliant and effective, and under the auspices of that active Lodge was conducted in a manner the most satisfactory to the numerous Brethren present.

The following is the number of the initiates in the several districts:—

No. 1, 279; 2, 76; 3, 114; 4, 25; 5, 41; 6, 67; 7, 49; 8, 49; 9, 67; 10, 46; Bethesda, Valparaiso, 15; Union, Nantucket, 6; King Hiram, Provincetown, 8; Mount Horeb, Woburn, U. D., 15; Winslow Lewis, U. D., 22. Total, 879 — which, with those of other Lodges under Dispensation, will give a total of about 1,000 for the year.

The reports of the D.D.G. Masters are complete and interesting — evincing a great improvement in the Lodges, generally. Particularly would I refer to an elaborate, well-written one from our active Brother, the Hon. Peter Lawson, which it would be well to have published, for the sentiments and information it contains; and I desire to express my deep sense of the obligations due to the Deputy Grand Masters, for the very faithful manner in which they have executed their important functions, which are second to those of none of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and which, well done, should secure for them a high niche in our Temple of Fame.

My labors as Grand Master have now closed. They have been many, but pleasant. If not discharged with ability, the zeal was not wanting, and, if it had been possible, it would have been to me most gratifying, to have served the constitutional period; but declining health, with pressing avocations, sternly forbid the task. The spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak. The period of my administration has been one of peculiar, unprecedented activity. If specified, the detail might savor too much of egotism. Our fabric is now stable; our prospects most cheering; peace within our walls; public sentiment without, favoring and fostering us. Let us all, then, thus encouraged, thus prosperous, unite in the aspiration: —

God save the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts!

[Extract from Grand Master Heard's Address.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 30, 1856.

It is deeply regretted that the impaired health of my predecessor has compelled him to decline another election to the station he has, for two years, so ably and worthily filled. In the expression of this regret, I know that I utter the sentiment of the whole Fraternity of this Commonwealth. Besides losing his valuable services, we have to lament the painful cause of his retirement. It is hoped, however, that, as he has now thrown off the cares and responsibilities appertaining to the supreme office

of our Order, he will speedily recover his health and strength, and be permitted, by a kind Providence, long to favor us with his counsel, and share with us our hours of relaxation and refreshment. For twenty-six years our distinguished Brother has been one of the most faithful and untiring laborers amongst us. The Bee-hive has indeed been to him a symbolic monitor of industry, in the practice of fraternal and benevolent excellence. From the pressing engagements of the learned profession, which he adorns, he has, in his zealous attachment to Masonry, found time to participate, to an extent rarely equalled, in the affairs of the Lodge, Chapter, Encampment, and other Masonic organizations. As a Trustee of the Grand Charity Fund, a member of the Board of Relief, a Trustee of the Temple, and a member of the Board of Masonic Apartments, he has ever been faithful, active and efficient. In the collection of our Library we observe his zeal and perseverance, and correct Masonic judgment. But not among the least of his labors is that of gathering together the portraits of eminent Masons, which embellish this Lodge-room. To so true a Brother our feelings are those of the sincerest attachment and affection; may his genial companionship be long vouchsafed to us; and when, at last, he shall have taken the third step delineated upon the Master's Carpet, may he "enjoy the happy reflection consequent upon a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a blessed immortality."

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, March 11, 1857.

The Grand Master having taken his seat, R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, the Brethren rising:—

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, having heard with profound sensibility of the death of their illustrious Brother Elisha Kent Kane, and desiring to place upon their records a tribute to

the memory of one so pure and noble, unanimously adopt the following resolutions : —

Resolved, That in the character of Dr. Kane we behold a choice and beautiful exemplification of the models preserved in Masonic traditions and of the virtue inculcated in Masonic morality.

Resolved, That the self-sacrificing philanthropy, the undaunted heroism, the gentle modesty, and the unconquerable endurance, which shone so conspicuously in his brief but ever memorable life, furnish an example worthy of the most exact imitation by every member of our Order.

Resolved, That we are proud to hold his name and story before the world as a lofty specimen, and the best eulogium of the Masons of America.

Resolved, That, while we reflect with glad humility on his spotless career and devout spirit, we recognize everywhere the traces of a virtue and a faith which assure us that all is well with him now, since to such as he death is gain. His chivalrous name shall not fade from our hearts while we live, nor from our brightest annals while Masonry survives.

The same R. W. Brother also offered the following vote, which was adopted : —

Voted, That a committee be appointed with full power to procure a new Banner for this Grand Lodge, and also to propose a new motto as a substitute for the present one, which motto, if approved by the elected officers, shall be in future used on the Seal and Banner of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 10, 1857.

The committee on procuring a new seal offered the following report, which was adopted : —

The committee appointed with full powers to prepare a new seal for the Grand Lodge, submit the following

REPORT:

That the seal so long in use was so much effaced, that it gave but a very imperfect impression, and that in its best state it bore nothing significant of Freemasonry saving the Arms of the City of York, England. The supporters were two nondescript animals, perhaps beavers, perhaps lizards. The crest was a helmet.

The motto was in still worse taste: "Follow reason." How this came to be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts our best Masonic antiquary cannot determine. It has no special reference to the principles of the Order, nor to that diffused philanthropy which is its boast. It might serve for the anarchists of the French Revolution, but not for us.

Your committee, therefore, have almost entirely changed this old seal, and adopted one which, it is hoped, will be deemed in better taste and more explicit significance. The shield is divided into two parts, — one represents the arms of Massachusetts, the other those of the ancient City of York, from whence originated our denomination of Ancient York Masons. The crest is a dove with the olive-branch, symbolical of that peaceful mission we all profess. The supporters are two angels bearing the symbols of justice and truth.

The motto is from that well-known sentiment of Terence, *Homo sum, nihil humanum alienum a me puto*, and tersely expressed in these words, *Humani nihil alienum*, which may be translated "Man everywhere our Brother;" or, "Our hearts are for all mankind;" or, "Nothing which relates to man is alien to us."

The heraldic description is as follows: —

Arms. — A shield parted per pale, azure and or, the dexter side bearing the arms of Massachusetts, the sinister those of the Masonic Fraternity of York Masons, viz., or on a chevron gules, between three towers argent, — an open pair of compasses.

Crest. — A dove holding in its beak an olive-branch.

Supporters. — Two angels proper, that on the dexter side holding a flaming sword, the sinister supporting a branch of palm.

Motto. — *Humani nihil alienum.*

Which is respectfully submitted by,

W. LEWIS,
Chairman.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 9, 1857.

R.W. Brother Lewis offered the following vote, which was adopted: —

Voted, That a committee of nine be appointed, of which the Grand Master shall be chairman, to select, and, if they deem expedient, to secure by bond, one or more lots of land in some central location, suitable for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, and to procure the necessary plans, estimates, etc., for the building, and to report to this Grand Lodge on the second Wednesday in March next, or sooner, if in their judgment necessary.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 8, 1858.

R.W. Brother Lewis offered the following report, which was adopted: —

REPORT.

Boston, Dec. 8, 1858.

The Committee on the Library report, that the collection is gradually increasing in value and interest. A full catalogue has been prepared, both of a systematic and alphabetical character, and your committee can report that this Library of our Grand Lodge may now be ranked as worthy of the name of a Masonic Library.

For the Committee,

WINSLOW LEWIS.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 8, 1859.

The R.W. Brother Lewis announced the death of the late Deputy Grand Master, in the following terms:—

The great Arbiter of Life and Death, who doeth all things wisely and well, has in his Providence removed from this Body one so recently among us in the apparent activity of health; one long devoted to our cause and to the service of his God, to the fulfilment of every duty as a man and Mason.

Our late D.G.M., R.W. Brother and Rev. Wm. Flint, died at Greenfield, the town of his residence, and of the Episcopal Church, of which he was the beloved Rector, on Tuesday morning, the 12th of April last. His health had not been good for about a year previously, but his confinement and inability to perform the duties of his profession continued only from the Friday preceding the day of his decease.

It was his request that he should be buried with Masonic honors,—a mark of respect we should have rendered to his memory as a worthy and devoted Mason, had this request not been made. Accordingly, on the day of his burial, April 14, our funeral rites were performed by the Grand Master, John T. Heard, assisted by R.W. Winslow Lewis, P.G.M.; R.W. C. W. Moore, R.G.S.; R.W. and Rev. Dr. Osgood, G.C.; W. Brother Wm. W. Wheildon, G.S. W. Brother Lambert preached the funeral discourse,—one deeply impressive and eloquent. Republican Lodge, and a large number of Brethren residing in the neighborhood of Greenfield were present also. The prayer at the grave by the venerable Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Osgood, breathed the spirit of piety and confidence that all was well forever with our dead Brother; and with that confidence we laid his body in the earth, with the full assurance of his soul's blessed immortality.

The Rev. Dr. Flint was a man of no ordinary composition. In stature commanding, with a fine voice, he was an impressive speaker—his style fervid and forcible—and his mind could pass with great rapidity from “grave to gay, from lively to severe.” He had a genial, warm, affectionate heart. Ever ready to conduce to the pleasure of his friends, he was ever the

welcome companion. No one who knew him but loved him. He was the beau ideal, the very personification of the good, the upright, the sincere Mason and friend. His intellectual power was strong, his mental endowments much above the common standard, and as a conversationalist he excelled. He won hearts by his kindness of manner, and respect by his evident excellence. We have lost a most valued Brother, and Masonry one of its firmest votaries. We have lost one who had a *heart* — for, alas! all have the mere pulsating organ, but few possess that high functionary perfection of moral action which is the heart's best performance, which feels aright for all, and is contained in a breast which bestows happiness around.

There is a tribute due to every departed Brother who has fulfilled his Masonic relations with fidelity, however humble the position he may have occupied in the Fraternity; and surely, to him now lost to us on earth, who occupied the honorable office next to the chair in this Grand Lodge, who, in so many States of this Union, sustained so many varied relations of Masonic importance, we owe all that we can now pay to his memory — the adoption of the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That the Christian Church, the general community, and Freemasonry have lost by the death of our R.W. Brother, the late Rev. Wm. Flint, a true soldier of the Cross, a valued citizen, a dearly beloved Brother.

Resolved, That though translated from earth to happier skies, — though lost in the midst of life and usefulness, — he has done his work well, and has left his memory to be cherished, his loss to be deplored.

Resolved, That we tender the united sympathies of the Fraternity to her who shared the happiness of domestic union, and trust that that union, though here severed, may be re-established in the never-ending tie of a still happier hereafter.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 14, 1859.

The Committee on the Library

REPORT:

That its increase during the past year has not added much numerically to its importance; still a few additions have been made of great value, and which did not accrue to the Grand Lodge at its expense.

Your committee regret to state that the Annual Reports of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States are sadly incomplete in your Library, and that there is not one perfect set of any Grand Lodge Proceedings, no, not even of our own. The very last acquisition to the Library (and every intelligent Mason would suppose it should have been the very first) was the "Freemasons' Magazine,"—the work of your own Grand Secretary: everywhere known, everywhere prized, as the very best exponent of Masonic Law,—the most conservative, as well as the oldest in the Union,—a perfect series of which is with great difficulty obtained for a sum less than \$110.

Undoubtedly there are many who may be disposed to decry the formation of a library, especially those of the *cui bono* species, who deem it a bibliomania, involving expenditure without return. It may relieve such, who look to the pecuniary outlay, to learn that the now valuable collection of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has only cost the Institution the paltry sum of about \$150.

Is a Masonic library profitless? When the future historian of our country shall have occasion to portray those popular excitements which have agitated society, and among them, the worst of them all, the anti-Masonic, where could he glean all on the subject, where could he turn for the most extensive detail of that nefarious body, but to the ample pages of the "Masonic Mirror"?—a work of rare merit and fidelity, and which has become, even now, a rarity among book-collectors, a book so rare, that your committee know of no other perfect copy than the one in your collection.

How often it is necessary to consult authorities, and seek information on the history of the Order, and the various subjects connected with it! How desirable it is that those who hold official positions should have a "Collectanea" from whence to derive such opinions or decisions as their stations impose! Much perhaps that is generally considered as worthless is sent forth from the press; but every department of literature has its trash mingled with its good; still that work which has in it no one idea, either curious, quaint or original, must of itself be a curiosity.

The Library of the Grand Lodge is therefore like all collections,—a collection of the valuable mingled with the *almost* useless; we say *almost*, for many of these turn up to satisfy the literary researches of some antiquarian minds, seekers of the odds and ends of the teeming press; chiffoniers, who, raking from the gutters of intellectual sewers, sometimes from the mud itself, bring to light that which is valuable and worthy of preservation.

Your committee would therefore solicit from the Brethren donations of any books or pamphlets, good, bad or indifferent, which have any relation, direct or indirect, with Freemasonry, for or against it.

Among the very few donors, our excellent Bro. Thomas Waterman must again be mentioned as having contributed a very choice collection of bound volumes of pamphlets, interspersed with which are short biographies of the shining lights of our Order by his pen.

Your committee, in thanking him for his liberality, would commend him as an example to others "to go and do likewise."

Respectfully submitted,

WINSLOW LEWIS,

Chairman of the Committee on Library.

A return of the voters present was made for the purpose of going into an election of Grand Master, and Brothers Goddard,

Hall, and C. C. Dame were appointed a committee to collect the votes, who, having attended to that duty, reported the election of R. W. WINSLOW LEWIS, M.D., of Boston.

Dr. Lewis, being present, signified his acceptance of the office.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1859.

The new Grand Master delivered the following excellent and appropriate

ADDRESS.

Again, my Brethren, you have conferred on me the highest honor in your power to bestow, an honor which any one might well covet, but one by me neither solicited nor desired.

Three years have passed since I vacated this high position, one which requires great devotion of time, and much more of Masonic ability and intelligence than in me lies.

To what, then, am I indebted for this reiterated manifestation of your kindness, and appreciation of any fitness for the duties of the Chair of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts? I answer, that it is solely to an unwavering devotion of so many years; to zeal, and not to any wisdom, am I your debtor for this renewed evidence of your kind partiality. This expression is a most ample offset for all I ever have done, or shall ever do, to promote your interest.

Still the burden imposed by that kindness is not light, nor the satisfactory performance of the duties easy to be rendered, considering the position now twice assigned me; for I labor under the disadvantage now, as when I first was placed in the East of the Grand Lodge of this State. I have had two immediate predecessors of no ordinary abilities. The first, the accomplished scholar, the eloquent speaker, the profound reasoner, our distinguished Brother Rev. Dr. G. M. Randall; and now I follow the administration of one whose untiring efforts have resulted in so much of good to the whole jurisdiction; whose financial ability has been so successfully manifested in your behalf, and

who now retires with the warm approbation and gratitude of every Mason of Massachusetts. With such antecedents, then, such luminaries, my feeble light must be but dim, and whatever of success may attend my labors will be the result of the association with those able officers who have been selected by your judgment to constitute the organization for the ensuing year.

The details of the condition of our Order in Massachusetts, of all that relates to its finances and statistics, have been most fully laid before you by him who is so intimately acquainted with everything relating thereto. Nothing has been left untouched by him, who has penetrated into every nook and corner of our history. He has harvested all, and the field is barren to his successor; not a blade is left; his sickle is useless, and all is gleaned of value and interest.

But there is a subject, of general interest to the Fraternity of the United States, which I recommend to the particular consideration of this Body,—one which has been urged on the attention of all the Grand Lodges by a circular issued from an organization, commenced last September, at Chicago, under the name of “North American Masonic Congress.” It is endeavored, by this Body, to organize a representation from the Grand Lodges of the Union, somewhat similar to that from Grand Chapters and Encampments; that it shall hold triennial meetings, discuss Masonic Laws, Principles and Action, etc.; but that their determinations shall have no mandatory or obligatory power save that which may be effected by the force of public opinion, based on the prestige of this organized representation from all Grand Lodges.

Whether or not such a power may not be exerted, coming from a combination, so as to give its actions the dignity almost of a law, is a question for your grave consideration.

The formation of a General Grand Lodge is one which has been discussed from the period when these United States became independent, and Gen. Washington was proposed as General Grand Master. It has never met the approval of this Body, ever jealous of its dignity and rights.

Still, no one will be disposed to question the kindly result, if

the representatives of the great mass of Masons in the United States could meet together, cultivate the courtesies and love of Brotherhood (without deciding the laws, landmarks and constitutions of Freemasonry), and thus effect that union of heart which is our profession.

Freemasonry is a great conservative link in that chain which should entwine the North, South, East and West; and if ever that most disastrous hour should come, when we must separate as fellow-citizens of a once glorious Union, the last tie to give way will be that strong, well-forged link, which now bands together the Freemasons of the United States as Brothers and citizens.

It is now more than sixteen years ago, that a committee, of which your now presiding officer was chairman, made a report, of which the following is an extract:—

“ Your committee agree that the assembling of the delegates from the Grand Lodges, from every section of the wide domain of these States, must be, of itself, productive of great advantages to the whole Fraternity. The opportunity of interchanging sentiments among delegates, selected for their general and Masonic intelligence, will tend much to strengthen and expand the feelings of that philanthropy which is the profession as well as the practice of Masonry. If unity of action and ceremonial should not be the consequence of the deliberations of that Body, at least it will have produced unity of soul and heart, and thus their labors shall not have been in vain.” The subject is now left for your consideration. There are obstacles which may be perhaps impossible to surmount. You have some brilliant exemplifications of what may be effected by Brothers, living locally distant, being brought together, where differences in politics, religion, profession, and station are laid on the altar of the heart, and these diversities forgotten; for, in spite of all the Rochefoucaults who have libelled humanity, in spite of all the cynics who have snarled at its character, the tendency of the knowledge of our fellow-men is to make us love mankind. The more extensive our knowledge of human nature is, the better acquainted we make ourselves among ourselves, the greater will be the indulgence towards the errors of our species, and the

more will our affections become enlarged. Recall an event of the past year for an illustration. May we not all most truthfully say, do we not all feel, that the visit of our Virginia Brethren here, and the thrilling, warm-hearted, unbounded hospitality of all Richmond extended to us there, has left such an impress on the hearts of all, that the recollection of this shall never die, that it will temper the asperities of the present and ever bind together as now, and in the times gone by, the Old Bay State and the Old Dominion?

A movement has recently been made for the "endowment of a National Institution for the maintenance and education of the widows and orphans of American Freemasons," and a Brother from Washington, at the Communication of this Grand Lodge on the 14th inst., presented the views of those who were interested and had taken the initiative in the design.

Surely the motives which prompted, the interest manifested, and the ulterior results anticipated from such an organization, if successful, will meet the hearty approval of an Order professing the practice of an enlarged philanthropy. But I have interposed the doubting word "if," as an indication of a distrust of an eventual success. Our Lodges, as associated Bodies, do not possess funds sufficient to meet such demands. Their little store can only supply the local claimants on their bounty, of the destitute around them, who have the first claim for relief. In our individual relation as Brothers, it is hoped we may freely distribute to a cause like the one proposed, and we trust that our hearts, as such, may be opened to its aid. Wishing God-speed to the fruition of the hopes of those who have espoused this undertaking, I leave this matter for your further consideration.

The reports of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States, with few exceptions, are presented in an extended form, and are voluminous documents, especially when contrasted with the few pages which emanate from this body, and contain the names of the members of subordinate Lodges, and other matters perhaps of no general interest. They also embrace the reports of Committees on Foreign Correspond-

ence, which, in my opinion, embody much that is valuable and important to be known by all well-informed Masons, who are interested, or should be, in the condition of this widely extended organization. Except through such a medium as these committees, how can the Brethren of this jurisdiction know of what is transpiring elsewhere? How can they be enlightened on the Masonic Jurisprudence of the several States, and on their views on questions which relate to this important subject? Might it not be well for us to present annually a *resumé* from the Annals of Freemasonry everywhere? At least, is it not a topic worthy of your consideration?

Very recently, our Institution has lost, by death, one of its most exalted votaries, one who has occupied some of the highest social positions of life, and, loftier still, the respect of his fellow-citizens, and the love and gratitude of his Brothers in Freemasonry. Full of years, full of honors, in the ripeness of a well-spent life, he has gone to take his place among the good above; for when the body of our Brother the late Gov. Robert P. Dunlap, was committed to the earth, all felt the blessed assurance that the spirit was in heaven. It is appropriate that this Grand Lodge should notice this bereavement, as our late distinguished Brother was a member of the Order previous to the separation of Maine from Massachusetts, also District Deputy of this jurisdiction, and as many now among us were proud to claim him as their friend and associate.

During the past year, at the request of the Pilgrim Society, the corner-stone of a Monument to be erected to the memory of our fathers was laid with Masonic ceremonies by the officers of this Body; and, to further the object, that society look with expectation to the assistance of our Fraternity here and throughout our land. As individuals, I commend it to your liberality, as descendants of those who on that bleak shore raised their altars to civil and religious liberty. To the associated Bodies, who have aught to bestow from any surplusage of funds, I commend this enterprise. It will be a testimonial of their patriotism. A superstructure constructed by Masonic aid will add to the credit of your own Grand Lodge.

The accession of members has been so unprecedented that the necessary labors of the Lodge have left no intervals for the improvement of members in the lectures, or to allow of such social communion as is necessary to form the primary acquaintance, which among us should ripen to intimate friendship. Thus even prosperity has its evils. Our Institution is now under the fostering approbation of public opinion, and with this prestige great numbers are seeking admission. Is there a remedy needed for this plethora? Is it a diseased condition requiring a remedy? I am not prepared to say that there is any indication to that effect. It is not in our power to prevent applications. Any man, provided he possesses the prerequisites, can present himself as a candidate for reception. Our portals are not barred to any such. If found worthy, they are, or should be, received. Now, what should constitute that worthiness? That is the great question to determine, and it is at least questionable whether that standard has been of a sufficiently elevated character. Too many are received on qualifications wholly negative. Committees report nothing against the applicant; his moral character is unblemished, he is honest, temperate, truthful, etc., etc. All this allowed, shall such be received? Certainly not. Cannot each one of you, here assembled, call up some within the sphere of your acquaintance, who, with all the requisites thus detailed, are deficient in the heart's best feelings, the heart's best actions, and, in addition, the mind's cultivation; whose hands grasp the sordid pelf without ever opening to the plea of charity and benevolence; whose minds are as barren as their hearts; men whose souls soar not above their pockets? Such you may call Masons by name; but their nature is earthy, and earthy it will remain. They are nothingarians in Masonry — *Haut nominis umbræ*. Prefer the charitable, uneducated solicitor for your suffrages, to the accomplished but pernicious seeker for admission.

On the subject of admission there is one more remark which I feel compelled to make, and which I do with pain. There is a difficulty as to the reception of some who would add increased dignity and respectability to the Order, but whose social posi-

tion in life, strange to assert, would be the cause of their rejection ; for no man, for instance, placed in a high official station can fail to have his enemies ; no man who has made himself conspicuous by the advocacy of sentiments calculated to affect the community can make himself acceptable to all. Therefore he who is almost unknown, and even illiterate, can more readily pass our portals than the refined, the learned, the public man. I speak this with regret, but from the fact, and some recent instances have strengthened my convictions of its truth. In some of our largest Bodies committees have reported warmly in favor of applicants, and their reports sanctioned and confirmed by nearly all present, and still one has been found willing to place his personal pique against the united wishes of all his Brethren ; to place a seal of condemnation on one, obviously from purely selfish considerations alone. Such a one would shake the prosperity of a Lodge, and undermine its prospects, to indulge his petty malice, irrespective of its wicked consequence ; lost to all the considerations which should actuate the true man, more especially the true Mason.

Every year an invitation has been received from some subordinate Lodge, requesting the presence of the officers of this Grand Lodge on the festival of the 24th of June, which has usually been accepted.

The proper observance of that day should be preserved by all Masons, but might it not be effected by less open manifestations, by less public show ? The Grand Lodge should not be called on to leave the respective Bodies of which its officers are members, in order to present itself as an addition to a public show. The more unobtrusive as a Fraternity, the more we keep ourselves within our own precincts, the better. On no occasion, save an imperative Masonic one, should the Order be seen in public ; and it is to be hoped that this expression of the opinion of the Chair may be considered as a sufficient indication of his individual judgment, only to be overruled by the wishes of the majority constituting his advisers. One more remark ere closing this imperfect address, one dictated by truth, and one most agreeable to my feelings to announce. During my previous

administration Germania Lodge was chartered, though not without considerable opposition from some of the most eminent of our Order; with the sincerest satisfaction it can now be thus openly stated, and in justice to the members of that Lodge it should be done, that there is not in Massachusetts one more orderly, better disciplined, or which fulfils the high mission of a Lodge more satisfactorily than this band of our Teutonic Brethren.

Once more we are gathered together under our own roof. These Halls of Masonry are ours. May they be sanctified by its influences and teachings. Here may Brotherly love be engendered and perpetuated. May the good and the true be added to its numbers, and all who shall here receive Light find it not in vain that they have sought the communion of that venerable Order whose grand characteristics are unwearied zeal in a Brother's cause, and universal benevolence. And can I better close these few remarks than in the language of one [Past Grand Master Rev. George M. Randall, D. D.] of the most ardent and pious of our members:—

“Supreme Architect of all worlds! Vouchsafe to accept our services to the glory of thy holy name! Make these walls salvation and its arch praise! May the Brethren who shall here assemble, meet in unity, work in love, and part in harmony! May Fidelity keep the door, Faith prompt the duties, Hope animate the labors, and Charity diffuse the blessings of the Order! May Wisdom and Virtue distinguish the Fraternity, and Masonry become glorious in all the earth!”

The following selections are made from papers left by Dr. Lewis. They have generally no date or endorsement. Where it has been possible the date and occasion have been supplied.

ADDRESS AT THE CONSTITUTION OF A NEW LODGE.

The few remarks which I shall have the honor of submitting this evening are, of course, intended for those who can well

appreciate the interest attached to the various ceremonies and symbols of our Order ; while to those whom I should most wish to attract and please, our fair sisters, I fear all may seem "stale, flat and unprofitable." To me do not belong "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," by "fairy fancy drest." My Brethren have brought me here, as one long connected with the Institution, to tell them some results of my experience, "like an old soldier who now can only shoulder his crutch, and show how wars were won."

But, ladies, we ask for your appreciative kindness and goodwill for an Institution professing the exercise of the purest and highest unselfishness. It is no small boon to find a place on this earth where Brotherly love and unity reign, — unity, at a time when disunion is but too common in the social, political, and religious world. It is refreshing, amidst the disappointments of life, the hurry of business, and the rubs and buffets incidental to our present existence, to retire for a brief space, and to draw a long breath in calm association with kindred spirits, who hold essentials in common ; whose pathway in the world may be diverse, but whose principles agree with our own. It is sweet to meet, on the broad principle of mutual love and kindness, with those who admit the present to be a state of trial, a preliminary to their true life ; who recognize a future state, and a future judgment, and a reward according to the deeds done in the body. Surely the heart must be cold indeed that can see nothing in Masonry, that can experience no sympathetic throb with those united in the same ceremonies, professing the same principles, and assembling periodically in the same place.

And, moreover, my fair friends, there is a social *necessity* for an Institution like ours, and there is no other which possesses the requisitions for the development of the true illimitable social action. Its ties are the ligatures which connect heart with heart ; its ceremonials, though to the ken of the world presenting naught but disconnected and crude fragments, are to the Mason a beautiful and well-arranged system. It is an allegorical system, and all its parts, points, and secrets partake of its emblematical construction. Every doctrine and ceremony

has its mystical reference; every landmark its legitimate explanation. It is consistent in all its parts, which point to one and the same object, prominently kept in view throughout all the consecutive degrees, and every ceremony, every landmark, and every symbolical reference, constitutes a plan of some great event which appears to be connected with our best and dearest interests. And so also of everything peculiar to a Lodge-room; so also of those external decorations and badges by which the Brotherhood are known. All have their meaning and significance, which, if rightly impressed on the recipient, will elevate and improve him. My Brethren, let these externals have their efficient teachings on the heart and conduct. Show by practice and life that you wear your emblems worthily. By such inward adorning ever let the Mason be proved, and testify that his emblematic badges are ensigns only of the inner man. Then he will stand approved before Heaven and before men, purchasing honor to the profession and felicity to the professor.

Friends who are with us this evening as visitors, and have honored us by your presence, I leave the merits of our Institution as shown by its exponents everywhere, to judge of it by its fruits. "By their fruits ye shall know them." It is by a man's deeds alone that we can form a just and fair estimate of his character. It was not by the bright green leaves, nor yet by the fragrant blossom which it bore, that the tree was known and valued, nor was it by a fair outside and a decent exterior, that the good man was appreciated. By his fruits ye shall know him.

Masonry neither arrogates perfection in herself, nor does she presume to place herself on a level with revealed religion; but whenever its principles are reduced to practice, and its high and solemn engagements are fulfilled, then Masonry shines with no borrowed light. No matter whither a Freemason's lot in life may call him, though he be parted from the land of his birth, and leave behind him sorrowing friends and weeping relatives, yet he knows that in every clime he shall meet with those who will give him the right hand of fellowship, and be to him as a Brother. How many hearts, that would otherwise feel their

own loneliness, has this thought cherished and supported! How many, who have left within the last year their families and homes, have felt the bond of their union strengthened and sanctified! How many has the mystic tie, that links us to each other, drawn still closer in the bonds of affection, in the camp, in the field, in the trenches, and in the lonely night-watch! And if amid the daily peril of shot and of shell, he looked manfully forward to dying a hero's death, the pang has been lessened by the reflection that he has found one faithful heart that would pay the last tribute to his memory; and, like the weeping followers at the burial of the old prophet of Bethel, would mourn over him, saying, "Alas, my Brother!"

REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF J. B.
HAMMATT.

Death has touched this time-honored Lodge with its icy hand, and gently conveyed to bright realms and happier skies our Father, our Patriarch, our venerable Guide, Counsellor and Friend. The annual Masonic necrology is enriched by the name of one, who, from the commencement of this century to the period of his departure, has been almost the embodiment of fraternal devotion, in all the departments of the Order in general, but more especially in his long and intimate relations to St. John's Lodge. The narrative of the numerous official positions sustained by Bro. John B. Hammatt, during the long period of more than sixty years, would be but a detailed catalogue, embracing nearly every duty engendered by his fidelity, and heaped on him by the affectionate regard and confidence of his Brethren. The record of these duties can be found in the History of Columbian Lodge, so ably portrayed by that able chronicler, Bro. John T. Heard. They live in the printed column. They are engraved on all our hearts.

His Masonic life transcends in its activity, and surpasses in its devotion, all others in comparison. There is none to share such an eulogium as can be rendered to him. To the Order,

youth, manhood and old age, all alike, were given. He came up to our Temple with the step of his early prime. He forsook it not, e'en when the tottering, feeble frame denoted that the "silver cord" of life was about to be "loosened."

Of those now gathered together, who may listen to this brief tribute to one of the old generation, how few, how very few, are those who remain to testify of him in the days which tried men's souls, in the dark period when "unhallowed hands" were laid upon our Institution, and "maledictions loud and deep" were heaped upon it so unsparingly. That *he* never shrunk under the pelting storm need not be said; but that he survived to behold the "old flag" triumph and flourish like the "green bay tree," God be thanked!

In the fulness of years, in the maturity of a life prolonged beyond the common duration of human existence, our aged Brother has *passed on, raised* to the sublime degree of Immortality. Let us reap the rich harvest sown by his example. Let us consecrate ourselves, like him, to the performance of duties devolving on us as Brothers. Let our contention be only how we can "best work, how best agree," and thus acting, whether we are cut down by fewer years of probation, or spared to the "sere and yellow leaf" of a ripened longevity, we shall depart in God's good time to meet together above, to part no more forever.

Resolved, That, closing our fraternal connection with Bro. J. B. Hammatt by his removal by death, we rejoice and give thanks that he was so long spared to us. That he was so continued to us and to the Fraternity that two generations have passed away, who have reaped the fruits of his devotion to the Order.

Resolved, That in all the relations of life, as a citizen, Christian and Brother, he has left the odor of a good name, an unspotted reputation. He has left a rich legacy to this Lodge, and the tribute to the memory of John B. Hammatt shall be perpetuated not only on our records, but on our hearts.

REMARKS AT THE INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER
HEARD, DEC. 27, 1858.

Again it becomes a very pleasing as well as my constitutional duty to welcome you to these halls as Grand Master elect over a Fraternity of Masons second to none, and I congratulate you on your re-election to the office you have so ably sustained, and on the unanimity of the re-election. More emphatically do I congratulate you, that, in your case at least, Brethren have endeavored to repay your devotion by their suffrages. Old age, the hoary head, the veteran, faithful through his long life,—these have been passports to the confidence, if not to this, to the respectful consideration of all. But now, again I congratulate you that your Masonic age is yet so young, that your hairs have not whitened in the service of our Order; that your connection with it has been during its “piping times of peace;” that you were not called on to sustain it when in peril, and to lend it your aid when its supporters were few and its cause a tottering one; for, if you had been thus matured in devotion, you might have found that such services were overlooked, such prolonged constancy disregarded, and those honors (simply the mere ribbons and garters) which had been so long awarded to those who had “borne the heat and burden of the day,” withheld. You might have seen and felt, and not without poignancy, what you may now behold before you: the feeble old soldier, the veteran of more than half a century, who saw the Masonic light even before most of us saw the light of heaven, with those who have been at the head and front of our ranks, have been set aside and forgotten, to make way for the more aspiring and younger. May you, Most Worshipful, when time has laid its withering fingers upon your head, meet with a better recompense, and when a decade or two of years has been added to your now noontide of life, and age has enfeebled your activity, may a grateful Fraternity still gather round you with respect and affection, and never cease to award you those honors, which until now have been the small boon to those who have faithfully done their duty, and in whose

hands the sacred funds of charity have suffered no diminution, either by defalcation, misappropriation or loss, but have been constantly increased by economy, prudence and wisdom.

I congratulate you on the termination of the arduous labors of your office during the past year, and I am confident that I may, in behalf of the whole Fraternity of the State, thank you for your peculiar devotion to their interests, which I believe has no parallel in Massachusetts, viz., that you have personally visited, instructed and made yourself familiar with the condition of every Lodge under this jurisdiction, and have sent messengers for instruction, wherever and whenever required. Such labors cannot be ineffectual, and must produce not only unity in ritual action, but unity of sentiment and feeling, binding us together in closer communion.

It is, therefore, with such feelings of regard and congratulation that I now proceed to install you as Grand Master.

REMARKS AT GRAND MASTER HEARD'S THIRD INSTALLATION.

In welcoming you for the third time to the honorable position to which you have been re-elected, and on the unanimity of the suffrages so demonstrative of the confidence and respect of your Brethren, I need not say how pleasing is the duty assigned me of tendering this welcome. As your immediate precessor as Grand Master, I had the satisfaction of having you associated with me as Senior Grand Warden. That we wrought harmoniously together need not be added; that you was the "right arm" of my council let me gratefully acknowledge. Since your elevation to the chair we have not been asunder. Though I have no official position in this Grand Lodge, I have constituted myself as a sort of "hanger on," by a mere force of habit, by a peculiar love for, and a readiness to work for the Institution. I have become so much a dweller in our Israel, that no one can better appreciate the labors of those who are effective co-workers in the good cause; no one, better than myself, can testify to the zeal, activity, ability and judg-

ment which you have manifested in your official career, and in the advancement of Massachusetts Masonry. There are but few who can appreciate the extent of the functions and requirements of your office, duties demanding not only time, but the exercise of a sound discretion. Both of these you have devoted to our Order. Two years of unexampled success, two years of Masonic harmony, have blessed your official career; but may we not look forward to the third as prospective of the highest interest to every Brother of this jurisdiction? We look to the laying of the corner-stone of the foundation of our second Temple. We look to the erection of a superstructure on that foundation, creditable to the sound architectural taste, whether of practical or speculative Masonry. We look to an edifice which shall add beauty and ornament to a city where such specimens are few. May years of prosperity cheer us there as in the home we have left, and may Heaven's blessing ever attend us.

Receive, Most Worshipful, from me, in behalf of the Brotherhood of this State, the assurance of their thanks for your past efforts, with their best wishes for the continuance of that success which has hitherto attended your exertions.

ADDRESS AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF
MINOT'S LEDGE LIGHT-HOUSE, OCT. 2, 1858.

[Grand Master Heard laid the corner-stone, and at the conclusion of his address introduced Dr. Lewis.]

The commencement of a great work like this should have the befitting accompaniment of a public ceremonial. It is proper that the City Fathers of Boston should give their presence and utter their congratulations, that a grand monument of service and general utility is to be placed near the commercial metropolis of New England, long to direct the prosperous mariner to a flourishing and happy city; that perfected science shall, from this spot, enable the anxious mariner to behold this warning beacon at a distance of thirty miles, lit up by an apparatus than which, says the "Encyclopædia Britannica," there is no work

of art more beautiful or more creditable to the boldness, intelligence and zeal of the artist; while all that decorated the noble structure of the Eddystone at its completion was a feeble light from tallow candles. I congratulate my friend, the supervisor and director, on the success thus far attendant on his zeal, activity and scientific judgment, so long and so well displayed in his laborious task. Being for two years a resident on the shore nearest this scene of his labors, and often having the privilege of standing on this rock and sharing with him and his fellow-laborers, at least their unwished-for ablutions, I can render my testimony to the dangers encountered and perseverance manifested in the incipency of this peculiar task. The Eddystone Rock, on the coast of Cornwall, is twenty feet high from low-water mark. Bell Rock, in Scotland, has a large stony base. The light-house on the Skerryvore Rocks has a base of forty-two feet. But here the base was small, the edges very irregular, and could only be cut at low tides, and with a smooth sea. Rob. Stevenson had the great advantage in the erection of Bell Rock Light of placing near it a wooden barrack; and Alan Stevenson the same, while constructing the Skerryvore Light. Here no such aid could be obtained. The very slow progress of this work shows its difficulties. Eddystone was finished in two years; Bell Rock in two years and three months, and the Skerryvore in about the same period. This was commenced in 1855, and may be completed in two years. No delays have interrupted its progress, but those which have arisen from this formidable position; and all that indomitable will could effect has been done.

For that which he has so ably done, Capt. Alexander will deserve and receive the approbation of all. May its completion be as successful as its commencement. Though the storms may come, the tempests blow, may it prove that its foundation is not only on a rock, but on the firm basis which science and art have unitedly combined to produce. Long may it stand a proud memorial of the perseverance, liberality and artistic skill of the United States, and the sagacity of a judicious government.

The allusion to the memory of my father in the address of the Grand Master will, I trust, serve as an apology for a very few remarks, not wholly inappropriate on this interesting occasion. His connection with the Order of Freemasonry for nearly sixty years, his official relation to the Grand Lodge of this State, is known to our whole Fraternity. But, here on this spot, where we are called on as speculative Masons to inaugurate the commencement of a Pharos, some few statements of his long-continued activity and devotions to the light-house department of the United States cannot be deemed irrelevant. For nearly half a century he was connected in a greater or less degree with this establishment, extending along our whole Atlantic coast, and on the shores of our mighty lakes. In the course of this long period he was the contractor and builder of more than two hundred light-houses, and ever sustained the confidence of the United States government. He suggested, many years since, that an edifice of stone, similar to this which we now hope with confidence will be successfully completed, should be erected, and offered to contract for the sum of \$250,000. He established the use of the lenses and parabolic reflectors which were in operation for so many years, until the brilliant discoveries of Fresnal again changed the mode of light, and the dioptric system was adopted in this country, in 1852. "The name of Fresnal is classed," says a late work, "with the greatest of those inventive minds which extend the boundaries of human knowledge; and it will, at the same time, receive a place amongst those benefactors of the species who have converted their genius to the common good of mankind; and wherever maritime intercourse prevails, the solid advantages which his labors have procured will be felt and acknowledged." I therefore claim some humble tribute to the memory of a Boston merchant, for the services he rendered the government and our mercantile interests, and which will cause his name to long be held in respect and veneration by all who have business on the great deep; and trust his name will long be remembered and associated with whatever is true and excellent in man, long after all the almost countless beacons which he has erected to

warn the approaching mariner of his danger shall have crumbled into dust.

ADDRESS TO A MARITIME LODGE, PROBABLY MARTHA'S
VINEYARD LODGE, TISBURY, SEPT. 18, 1860.

Having been in AMPLE FORM constituted into a regular Lodge, and now prepared to enter on the performance of duties, serious and important, — duties, as they may be well or ill executed, exercising a most influential result on the character of Massachusetts Masonry; permit me to offer a very few remarks at this outset of your career, some suggestions on the best policy of your future course — some cautions to guide your prospective path. Your locality is near the ocean, and many of you go down to the sea and do business on the great waters. Those whose “home is on the wave,” who visit distant lands, who intermingle with men of all nations and of all tongues, will find themselves, more particularly than any others, benefited by their connection with an Institution, the language of which is universal; which appeals at once to the hearts and the sympathies of the initiated, wherever recognized, and in most every maritime port where commerce spreads her sails, this recognition will be manifested. From many personal experiences in many parts of Europe, I know nothing more grateful to the lonely traveller than, emerging from the solitude of the inn, to enter into a Lodge and be received and welcomed by Brothers. A Lodge-room in a foreign land is an oasis to him amidst the desert of his loneliness. He who has the honor to address you has been of the Order in times of its deepest adversity, participated in the sacrifices then demanded and cheerfully offered up, and has also been cheered by the bright culmination of its present meridian splendor. Thus aware of the quicksands of danger, as well as of the calm sea of prosperity, both requiring the vigilant and careful navigator, permit him, in nautical similitudes, to show you the track which leads to the welcome port, and, ere you launch your untried bark, to furnish a few outfits, that your voyage shall be prosperous and happy.

The Freemason, like the mariner, has certain fixed points, — the first, a series of principles to guide him, from which he is not to deviate, and the seaman, also, has his mind and eye directed to conspicuous capes, projections and lights, which, ever watchful in observing, can never mislead. With both, they are called *landmarks*; and the career, whether of prosperity or adversity, depends on the strictness with which they are watched and their monitions followed. Our landmarks are not of sand, disappearing and washed away by storms, but immutable monuments, piled up on sure foundations, cemented by the best architects. On your course, keep these ever in view; direct your craft steadily by their guidance; let it not be misled by neglect or ignorance. Let the Masonic mariner have his eye to these beacon-lights to point his voyage. They will soon improve the common sailor to the perfect Master, and promote the forecandle man to the quarter-deck. Regard the Constitutions from which you have taken your ship's papers, as every nautical man does his Bowditch's Navigator — the book by which he is both instructed and guided. Examine it carefully, follow its details and requirements, and on no account deviate from what is there laid down. It was prepared by the judgment and sagacity of the best and most experienced of our pilots, and the most venerable of our helmsmen; the result of long practical experience, and for the guidance of our ancient bark, which has ever stood A 1 on the Lloyds' Books of the Masonic world.

Seek not to increase the mere numerical force of your crew, for the show of numbers only. They burthen the vessel, and impede its progress. They are in the way, ever. They are dead weights, and it is much better to have a well-trimmed ship, with an onward course, than one too deeply and heavily laden, that can make no progress. Let your ship-list be made up of good men and true, worthy and well qualified.

Let them be well tried on their first voyage, apprentices duly entered into the mysteries of their profession, before passing to the responsibilities of second mate; so that, when raised to the high station of a Master, they may adorn their profession, and strengthen their Craft.

From the non-observance of that wise maxim, "Hasten slowly," how many have stumbled, become confused, utterly useless ! They have shipped in a hurry ; made a brief voyage ; seen many objects, but remember none ; heard words which have left no impress, and reach the shore without knowing a rope in the ship. To such the finish is : "stale, flat and unprofitable."

There is a caution which I would especially enforce on your minds, that is : be extremely cautious in showing the private signals of the craft. You may do it in danger or for practice in the cabin — but remember to answer all signals reciprocally, giving and receiving in due form. As to the qualifications of your officers, of course they should all be good sailors, with a knowledge of their various duties. Everything immovable, or movable, well understood ; perfect in those actions which conduce to correct navigation. What they have to say, let them do it distinctly, audibly, emphatically. All of them should possess a good, natural speaking-trumpet, so that their orders and instructions may reach and be heard in the fore-castle.

In the first place, attend to the construction and the furnishing of the good ship in which you are to meet as fellow-voyagers. Ever have before you, on your binnacle, the Great Chart of Salvation, directing your course by which, you will find your paths o'er the varied ocean of life paths of pleasantness and of peace, and by it be conducted to the haven where you would be, a harbor sheltered from every storm, and where the weary mariner shall be at endless rest.

On this Chart let the Compasses rest with the Square. Apply the compasses ever to your duties, and square your actions by that rule and direction ever pointed out by your infallible chart and guide. When assembled, neglect not to seek the protection of Him who "rules the tempest and directs the storm." No voyage can prosper without His approving smile. Put your trust in Him, and though your bark be foundered and sink, and the crew "in the deep bosom of the ocean buried," the ethereal essence shall not descend, but soar aloft, and beyond the power of change, to rest forever.

Be careful and attend that you have three lights. These form no requisite for ordinary vessels, but Masonic navigation has a very peculiar track; its watchmen never sleep. One of these lights must be at the stern, another at the bows, and the third on the larboard. At the stern, on the quarter-deck, with a watchful eye to the rudder, stands that officer whose *wisdom* directs your every proceeding. As every Masonic craft, when properly moored, should lie in a position due East and West, you are to look aft for that light which is to direct you. As at the stern are the rudder, the compass, the quarter-deck, the better decorated apartments, so here in your East you place your wisdom. The *strength* you concentrate more in the bow, that, duly fortified, the noble ship will dash unhurt through the resisting wave, and stem the storm of opposition. The *beauty* of your structure you exhibit on the side. Its fair proportions from thence are better determined. From stem to stern its graceful proportional lines are more extensively visible, and you very naturally deem the voice of the officer there particularly agreeable, as he pipes from labor to refreshment, perhaps even, on emergencies, to splice the main-brace.

Under these rapidly-sketched nautical similitudes, these few words are now addressed for your consideration. Consider their import, pardon their imperfections. Steer by the compass which points to the right, and you will attain success. May your voyage be ever cheered by favoring gales and smooth seas; your ship ever well manned and trimmed, ready for the storm as the calm, and may Heaven smile on your course, and conduct you to happiness here and hereafter; and, as sings the poet of the sea, the ship and the sailor, that

“There’s a bright little cherub that sits up aloft,
And watches the life of poor Jack,”

so rest assured that your Great Captain, the arbiter of life and death, will ever smile on his children, when associated to promote Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The ceremonies necessary for organizing another band of Brothers as a constituent portion of the Grand Lodge of Mas-

sachusetts, being now completed, it only devolves on me to say a few words. Yours is the second Island Lodge which has ever been formed in this State, the first being Union Lodge, of Nantucket, the Charter of which dates back now nearly ninety years,—a Lodge which has ever sustained the highest reputation, never yielding to the pressure of the storm, of opposition, but always enforcing the dignity of the Order, by the reputation of its members, and the practice of its benign principles.

REMARKS AT THE CONSTITUTION OF A LODGE.

Freemasonry here is now established ; here now it has “a local habitation and a name,” and it is for you to determine by your conduct the value and the character of that name. The best founded of all human institutions may sink into disrepute, and fall into oblivion, if the high principles on which they are based are not exemplified in the lives of those who profess to be the exponents of the teachings and doctrines of these organizations. Our Order aims, by its injunctions and symbolisms, to produce among its votaries the highest moral results ; to make the exemplary man ; to enlarge the feelings ; to amend the heart ; and, if combined with these is the spirit, the divine warmth and blessings of a true Divinity which “stirs within,” the result is a man complete and perfect as frail man can be. Masonry must be the handmaid of religion. There can be no completeness without the divine essence. Mere morality may smooth the path of life, but we must have a faith to point to happier skies, to an unclouded immortality.

A Lodge is a central point to which all may come and find social union and rest. They may come from the strife and dissensions of the church, for alas ! the house of God has its bitterness of polemic warfare and sectarian discrepancies. They may come from the heated arena of political rancour, and both the autocrat and democrat “mingle into bliss.” They may come from the halls of learning, and the votary of science may there rest with pleasure with his unlettered Brother, and from him

perhaps learn lessons from practical life more precious than from his illuminated volumes. From the pulpit, from the forum, from the halls of legislation and of justice, from the factory, from the work-bench, from the fields of agriculture, and from all the operations of a busy life, the Lodge-room opens its doors of welcome, and harmonizes into unity the heterogeneous ingredients of the varied society of life. For Freemasonry

“Lays the rough paths of peevish nature even,
And opens in each heart a little heaven.”

For such high and holy purposes, you, my Brethren, are here to congregate. Here are to be held those reunions where you are to gather round that altar, as Brothers of a Brotherhood extensive as the earth. Holy, indeed, is that communion, the essential teaching of which is of that commandment which enjoins to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” Here may that true fraternal spirit be so engendered and prevail, that it may inspire your hearts, as members of a great community, to those kindly feelings towards all of your fellow-citizens of this wide-spread land, that will conduce to the harmony and the preservation of a glorious union. It is not out of place here to say that Freemasonry has much to do in this relation, and that its influence may be most propitiously exerted. Introducing here no subject of political diversities, no caustic allusion to sectional differences, we can, as wielding a most powerful conservative influence, urge upon all of the household of our Faith to cast the oil from our altars, o’er the troubled waters of political and sectional strife. For this the pulpit is helpless, inefficient, the press powerless; for the first is sectarian, the last partisan. It is only those who can meet, as we here are met, where differences are buried, acrimonies subdued, who are consequently powerful for so much general good; who hold in their hands the Olive-Branch of Peace and Union, and who cherish in their hearts the warmest, widest philanthropy.

With these feelings, unrestricted by space, undivided by local peculiarities, broad as the territories of this fair land, pray

for the peace of our Zion, for the perpetuity of the Union, and the consequent prosperity of our country, ever bearing in mind the first lesson from God's Holy Word that reaches the ears of the neophyte in Freemasonry: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity."

Ever aim at harmony and union, both as men and Freemasons. Let these be the basis in your every act, and by these excellences may you show to those without what good may come from our Nazareth. We cannot define to those now gathered here the singular, the peculiar enjoyment of Masonic intercourse, — the pleasurable emotion derived from our time-honored Association. Freemasonry is better felt than expressed. Its excellence is seated in the heart. It uniformly requires of us that which is good. Its simple, but inestimable code presents nothing to rend the divided heart by conflicting duties. It tells us of life as it is, of man as he is, dependent in his social relations, and requiring for his happiness the exercise of social duties. It admonishes to enjoy the blessings of life with moderation and to endure with patience; that the rough and rugged paths here trod are but the preludes to bright scenes; that imperfections mingle with the virtues of the best; therefore, to practise that charity which should be extended to all, and that intercommunion which Freemasons alone observe, where the prince and the peasant sit side by side, coequals, Jew, Turk, Catholic, Protestant, — all who believe in God, the great Creator. From the mixture of good and evil in this life, it directs our pursuits after the former, by teaching us to curb our passions, to moderate our desires, to expect with diffidence, enjoy with gratitude, and resign with submission. It commands us, conscious of our own failings, to be indulgent to the errors of others. Upon the basis of mutual wants, general imperfection and universal kindred, it builds the fair structure of candor and benevolence.

You commenced your Lodge at a period of the greatest prosperity and increase of the Order, and you enjoy an advantage, for such I ever deemed it, that your Lodge is in a rural district, somewhat remote from the busy hum of a metropolis. The

suburban Lodges have better components and are constituted of better materials than those of a large city, for the reason that the applicants for reception must be more known, and their relation and standing, in these smaller towns. The members become better acquainted with each other, and the mutual sympathies the more warmly enlisted. Remote from the outward excitements and inducements of a large city, they can more steadfastly devote themselves to the true purposes for which every good Lodge should be convened, viz.: to improve in the teachings of Freemasonry, "to raise the morals and to mend the heart."

Scrutinize the character of every one who seeks admission here, and effect the most wary selection. How shall this be the best accomplished? What should be the discriminating ordeal, what the passport for admission? Is it sufficient that the applicant is not dishonest, and that he has not committed any overt act of moral delinquency? Surely not. Such a recommendation is too passive altogether. Erect a higher standard of positive, active excellence. It should not be urged what of evil he has not done, but what of good he has. Is he active in the characteristics of excellence? Does his light so shine towards his fellow-men that they see, know and feel its cheering, vivifying power? Is his heart in the right place? Is his hand open as day to melting charity? Are his social affections warm, and do his pulses beat with the promptings of humanity, of Brotherly love? And as a man does he feel, and assist his poor suffering Brother? If he is not this, he lacks that which is needful, and the portal of a Masonic Lodge should be barred to his entrance. Such occupy space, but add no beauty to its interior; they increase its bulk, but not its solidity.

These are the requirements from the heart, the feelings, the *morals* of the applicant, but these are not all that are essential. Some regard should be paid to the head, to the brain, to the intellect. Some view should be taken of the intelligence and mental capacity of the inquirer for light. The Constitutions of England are explicit on this subject. They distinctly require that "he should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and

have made some progress in one or more of them." The teachings of Freemasonry are founded on the assumption that the recipients are men of some education, with the means and with the aspirations for more light. A virtuous education is enforced on every neophyte in the first degree. The liberal arts and sciences are largely commented on in the second; and in the third, the forty-seventh problem of Euclid is especially alluded to, as expounding the value of correct science and the cultivation of the mind. The lectures are full of illustrations, metaphors and allusions, which to the ignorant would be incomprehensible and valueless. To such these words are but mere sounds, not suggestive ideas, unintelligible verbiage, heard by the ears, not absorbed by the understanding. As individuals, how great would be deemed the sacrifice to kill an hour with such a Bæotian? Shall we then in our associated capacity be contented to introduce to our Light the eye that sees not, the ear that hears not, the mind that conceives not?

There are, moreover, other requirements which are also especially necessary to preserve that harmony which should ever pervade our peaceful, fraternal Association. The disposition should be courteous, amiable, free from acrimony and causticity, temperate in discussion, cautious in the imputations of wrong intentions; in short, never departing in word or deed from the sphere of the gentleman and the Brother. He who has not his passions in due subjection here may be a firebrand in your Lodge, inflaming and destroying your sacred edifice by the unhallowed torch of an uncontrolled and devastating passion. To such a one a fool is preferable, for there is no general suffering from his stupidity, while the first may point a shaft of poisoned words to wound the whole of your number.

Such, then, are some of the requirements from those who come to share in the privileges of Freemasonry. Desecrate not this time-honored, this ancient and honorable Order, by the admission of the unworthy, or the unavailable. Let each and every one bring something to add to its excellence and increase its splendor. He who enters here becomes a joint proprietor of the best of property; and the premium to be advanced by him

should be of proportional value, and the best of securities should be pledged at the outset,—the collateral of an untarnished reputation, of a useful life, of a warm heart, of a gentle and courteous deportment, of a cultivated mind, and of an unwavering truth. Thus founded it cannot depreciate. With such pillars the edifice will be well supported and the superstructure rise to the highest altitude.

Looking through the loopholes of caution at every one who approaches, welcome the good and the true, but shut down the portcullis of distrust, to those whose passports are not signed by the best of endorsements.

Date from this epoch a greater earnestness in the good old cause, a severer scrutiny into the characteristics of all who are here to compose a Lodge now constituted for action, and to become your Brothers. Better that your Lodge should consist of the chosen, worthy few, than the indifferent many, for mere numbers make not a thriving institution.

Finally, my Brethren, let each resolve to be more attentive, more active, more solicitous to become, not only a brighter, but a better Mason. Follow the radiance shed from the Great Light on your altar, and be thus conducted to that perfect day which shines forever.

The few remarks I have offered, addressed to an Association here newly organized, which meets in privacy and whose doings are transacted in secrecy, must have been rather uninteresting, more especially to my fair hearers.

But mothers, wives and daughters very naturally demand why the gentler sex are excluded. I refer them to the arguments contained in the multitude of addresses delivered on occasions like the present. For myself, I can say, that if my fair friends were mingled with my Brethren in the labors of the Lodge, I most unhesitatingly avow that the attention would be very apt to be bestowed more upon the sisterhood than would be compatible with the serious duties of the meeting; and, moreover, there is as much out of the way work for our fair friends in speculative as there would be in operative Masonry. Believe

me, ladies, there is an incongruity which is insurmountable—but the deprivation falls on us.

But you are sharers of the good derived from Freemasonry. Those who are laborers in its cause, who sequestrate themselves from you to worship in its Temple, if they are faithful to the duties and requirements imposed on them, will return to you laden with treasures of unappreciable value. You will find them improved in those excellences which constitute the good, the generous, the sympathizing man, with affections ripened, with hearts expanded; and in future, when your father, husband, brother, or son, quits your domestic hearths, to mingle with Masons in those duties which concern their highest interests, bid God-speed to those, who by professions and by acts are banded to make themselves wiser and better, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind the wounds of the afflicted, to dispense the duties of an enlarged charity and hospitality, to promote peace and good-will, and to concentrate all hearts in the cause of the widest, unbounded philanthropy.

REMARKS AT THE DEDICATION OF THE MASONIC HALL,
AT BRIGHTON, FEB. 7, 1860.

Under very pleasing auspices you are now gathered in a spot which has been solemnly devoted to that lofty purpose to which Freemasonry points, and to which Freemasons aim; and you have brought with you to share on this occasion in your ceremonies, the *movable jewels* from your households, crowns of your domestic happiness, the radiance of which not only charms our eyes, but penetrates our hearts; and, my fair friends, in behalf of the visitors, in behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I thank you for your inspiring presence, and the Brethren of this Lodge, that we are permitted to enjoy the honor and pleasure of your company.

As individuals, when we have made a change in business, placed ourselves in a new locality, or assumed new duties, it is usual, it is natural, that we should make new resolutions, that

the mind should, as it were, start from a firmer point of action. The very novelty is a stimulus. We rearrange our stock, and put everything in fresh order, and commence almost *de novo*. It is a tonic to activity ; it is a counter-irritant to lethargy.

Turn we to our experience as families, and the same exaltation and zeal are manifested. Look at the mistress of a new mansion, newly furnished. Dust and cobwebs might be tolerated in the old house, but her eyes, resharpened, are now on the alert. The fresh carpets must not be soiled, and the visitor is cautioned by looks, if not by words, to take heed of his feet. The old furniture, grown sombre by use, is repaired and varnished, and all now is in keeping with the improved change. New resolutions are inspired that in future there shall be a change for the better, and that order and domestic neatness shall here have a continued abode. The same influences govern us in associated action as members of organized bodies. The newly erected church is better filled on account of its newness ; and therefore, though the house for God's worship may be thus approached for the mere novelty of its structure or decoration, still, among those whose motive was the gratification of mere curiosity, some one may be there touched with that hallowed fire which may guide him to that "temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." May it thus be with you, Brethren of this Lodge ; you have with commendable zeal and taste provided a new Masonic home ; erected here your Masonic altar, and here invited those who are interested in your cause, or dear to your hearts, to share with you the happy auspices of your gathering. May this form an epoch in the history of your incipient undertaking from which to date an increased zeal. You have put your house in order, and dedicated it to high and holy purposes. See that those purposes are well fulfilled. With the commencement of your meetings here begin with good resolutions, and may your subsequent history show that those determinations were not based on an ephemeral excitement.

This hall is now dedicated for high and holy purposes ; for the reunions of those who here are to gather around that altar as Brothers of a Brotherhood extensive as the earth. Holy,

indeed, is that communion, the essential teaching of which is of that commandment which enjoins to love thy neighbor as thyself. Here may that true fraternal spirit be so engendered and prevail, that it may inspire your hearts, as members of a great community, to those kindly feelings towards all of your fellow-citizens of this wide-spread land, that will conduce to the harmony and the preservation of a glorious union. It is not out of place here to say that Freemasonry has much to do in this relation. Introducing here no subject of political diversities, no caustic allusion to sectional differences, we can, as wielding a most powerful conservative influence, urge upon all of the household of our Faith to cast the oil from our altars o'er the troubled waters of political and sectional strife. The pulpit is helpless; the press, powerless: for the first is sectarian, the last partisan. It is those only who can meet, as we are here met, where differences are buried, acrimonies subdued; who are powerful for so much general good; who hold in their hands the olive-branch of peace, and who cherish in their hearts the warmest, widest philanthropy. With these feelings, unrestricted by space, undivided by local peculiarities, broad as the territories of this fair land, pray for the peace of our Zion, for the perpetuity of the Union and consequent prosperity of our country, and bear ever in mind how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.

Let the dedication of this hall form a bright epoch in the history of Bethesda Lodge. Date from this event a greater earnestness in the good old cause, a severer scrutiny into the characteristics of those who are to pass your portals, and to become your Brothers. Better that your Lodge should consist of the chosen, worthy few than the indifferent many. Mere numbers make not a thriving institution. In the suburban and rural districts, it must be acknowledged, the Lodges have better components, are constituted of better material than those of the metropolis, for the reason that the applicants for reception must be more known, and their relation and standing, in these smaller towns. The advantages of and improvement in Masonry are greater. The members become better acquainted with each

other, and their mutual sympathies consequently the more enlisted ; and, remote from the outward excitements and inducements of a large city, they can more steadfastly devote themselves to the true purposes for which every Lodge should be convened, viz. : to improve in the teaching of Freemasonry "to raise the morals, and to mend the heart."

Let this, then, be your epoch from which to date a generation of Masonic excellence. Let each one resolve to be more attentive, more active, more solicitous to become not only a brighter but a better Mason. Let him wash in this pool of Bethesda, and become more and more purified by his ablutions. Follow the radiance shed from the Great Light on your altar, and be conducted to that perfect day which shines forever.

REMARKS AT THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF
WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, DEC. 14, 1860.

LADIES : — For the first time this hall is now graced by those who are seldom participants in Masonic ceremonies, and for the first time am I, now in the "sere and yellow leaf" of my Masonic life, called on to say a few words to my Brethren in the presence of those who are, by the rules of the Order, ordinarily debarred from among us.

I must therefore apologize for the uninteresting character of the very few remarks to be made to the members of this Lodge.

The ceremonies of the installation you have just witnessed will be dulled to your appreciation, while we well know they are replete with a peculiar interest to those of the mystic tie. Called on in my official position, as well as sustaining a peculiar relation to this Lodge, my remarks to my Brethren also may be to them of some worth, while to you, I fear, they may seem quite "stale, flat and unprofitable."

BRETHREN : — A few days will close my official relation to you and others of this jurisdiction, but the dearer connection of an honorary membership I trust may still be spared me. From

you has been derived the highest honor of my life. You have incorporated my humble name with an association of Brethren who stand second to none on the Masonic roll. As Grand Master, among my first official duties you were constituted as a Lodge, and now, after five years, when you have gained the highest position, my very last meeting, as the Presiding Head, is with you, and you have this evening brought before me that which crowns with a beautiful completeness your acts of excellence, combined with good taste and good sense. You have brought your brightest jewels, your domestic ornaments,—jewels not only precious and delightful entwined around the neck, but borne ever grateful to the very heart.

To most of those here assembled, it is superfluous to urge the peculiar interest which this Lodge must have to me personally. It is one which I had the honor of constituting some years since during my first term as Grand Master. Its prosperity has been dear to me, and from an intimate friendship from that period with its now presiding officer, I feel myself at liberty to offer a few remarks, more especially as all my official relations with the Order are in a few weeks to terminate forever. I have witnessed the great persecution of its members; was with the stable few, when 500,000 votes were cast for an anti-Masonic President of the United States, and have lived to behold the bright culmination of the Institution, when not one is now to be found so poor as to do homage to the utterly extinct remains of that once numerous host, its opponents.

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 12, 1860.

The M.W.G. Master read the following patriotic letter, a copy of which he had addressed to the G. Master of Virginia:—

Boston, Dec. 10, 1860.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia:—

DEAR BROTHER,—That period has arrived (alas! that it should ever be so) when it behooves every one who has lived and

flourished under the benign influence of our glorious Union to exert his best endeavors to obviate that sad impulse which threatens its dissolution. In the relations of fellow-citizens of a wide-spread Republic, our efforts have proved ineffectual. Fanaticism is the predominant demon, and the ties which have bound the South and North so long together, which carried them shoulder to shoulder in the days of our fathers, and have continued them in their prosperity as a United Nation, are now in preparation to be severed.

Is it too late to avert the calamity? Is there nought remains of conservatism to be tried? Have we not an Institution which binds us together, not only as fellow-citizens, but as Brothers, and as Brothers can we lacerate those pledges, the foundation of our Faith and Practice? Therefore, may we not look to it as a strong element to allay the bitter anguish of these dark days in our Nation's History?

It was my good fortune to visit Richmond with a band of our Order, and to witness and feel the mighty operation which cemented the hearts of all the participants on that occasion. The influences of that meeting are ineffaceable, the impress indelible. With such feelings, of so powerful a fraternization, how disunion must pall the hearts of those whose affections as Brothers are so warmed towards those so dear to them in Virginia! and, as one, I was resolved to pour out my own, and to express to you, what I deem to be, the predominant sentiment in Boston, if not in the whole jurisdiction over which I have the honor to preside, and I assure you, my dear Brother, that we cling to you, not only as Brothers, but as fellow-citizens; and may that evil day be far removed, when Virginia and Massachusetts, the States which gave to our country a WASHINGTON and a FRANKLIN, and to Freemasonry two of its brightest lights, shall be found opposed as enemies, and severed as components of the United States.

May God avert that terrible issue! and may he instil into the hearts of all of our Order, the observance of that precept of his Holy Word, that first lesson to every neophyte in Freemasonry, —
“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell

together in unity," — and may all under your fraternal jurisdiction demonstrate, by their acts, that in the "Old Dominion," as well as among ourselves of the "Old Bay State," Union, as fellow-citizens, and Brotherly Love, as Masons, shall now in this the perilous hour, as heretofore under the days of prosperity, be their aim and resolve. "*So mote it be.*"

Fraternally yours,

WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,
Grand Master.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1860.

M. W. Grand Master Lewis delivered the following

ADDRESS.

The period has now arrived which releases me from my official relation to this Grand Lodge, and the arduous duties which have peculiarly devolved on me during the past year. I say *peculiarly*, for, as the Presiding Head of Templarism in Massachusetts and R. Island, at a time when more was required to administer that office than ever before, or is likely to be again, the duties imposed were unprecedented, and called for a devotion of time and labor which literally precluded much attention to anything else. But, reviewing the connection of thirty years with the Order, in times of its prosperity and adversity, sustaining official positions in its various departments throughout this long period, and now retiring from all, still this connection has been the principal source of my life's happiness, excepting none but those of my domestic relations. It has brought to me the truest, the best, the most devoted of friendships, and the fond regard which hangs on the memories of those who have gone, the fraternal ties which still bind me to those who are spared, will smooth the declining path and still cheer the few years that may remain. And in this, a valedictory address, as it is the last occasion I shall ever speak officially, it may not be deemed out of place to thus publicly allude to one, who to me

has ever been the unwearied friend, to every Mason in Massachusetts the able counsellor, and to this Grand Lodge the very best supporter. Without that profound judgment, that unerring Masonic knowledge and sagacity which have ever distinguished your Recording Grand Secretary, the labors of the Grand Master could not have been sustained, — without that friendly mentor to guide, without that “greater light,” the Chair could not have been supported.

On this, our annual meeting, on this, the day consecrated to Freemasonry everywhere, when all has been well with us, and increasing prosperity and union, with every attendant blessing, have favored the cause, let us not forget our gratitude to that Being without whose favor neither individuals nor associations prosper. He has given to us in his mercy; and also in like mercy he hath taken away. In the fulness of years, and in the fulness of Faith and excellence, he has removed two venerable Brethren from the roll of our permanent members, — Clarke Gayton Pickman, who died May 12th, and Paul Dean, who left us, for a higher communion, Oct. 1st, 1860. Both were called suddenly, and we have full assurance they were not unprepared. They were both faithful to their God while here, and their faith has terminated, we may humbly trust, in a blessed fruition.

Clarke Gayton Pickman graduated at Harvard University in 1811, being a classmate of the Hon. Edward Everett, and others who have distinguished themselves in the various positions of society. He was a good scholar; his life was passed in study and seclusion. He was a lover of books, and his valuable collection he bequeathed to his Alma Mater. A constitutional infirmity which clouded his mind, and impaired an active usefulness, caused him to shrink from society; but his heart was ever employed in dispensing that bounty which his ample means allowed, — his hand was open as day to melting charity.

Prompted towards the Masonic Institution as a worker for good, he early entered into and ever esteemed it. He presided over St. John's Lodge, and many can recur to the force and eloquence of his charges to the candidates. He was Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge, and a punctual attendant at its

meetings. He formed no domestic ties. He lived the life of loneliness. The Christian's faith and hope were his supports. They alone upheld him in the despondency of his mental malady, and pointed to happier skies.

Of our revered and reverend Brother, the late Paul Dean, to speak in the fulness which his long labors deserve would call for an abler pen and a higher power. His long official position in the Order, embracing all its departments; his energy, devotion and intrepidity in its cause, when its defenders were few, its opponents many; his integrity of life, his social, his Christian excellences, — have all left their impress on the minds and hearts of every Brother. His name will stand high on the list of those who have presided over this Body, and added lustre to the Institution. I trust that appropriate notice will be taken in this Grand Lodge, and that our records shall bear the sense of its members on this their great bereavement.

A year has now passed since the first occupancy of these halls of Freemasonry. They have proved to be convenient and admirably adapted for the purposes for which they were dedicated, — inferior to none as to taste and elegance.

The property owned by the Grand Lodge and invested in the Winthrop House and Freemasons' Hall, is not only of great value, but every year will increase it in this respect; and, prospectively, it will become a source of a very large income. The sale of the Masonic Temple and the purchase of this building were effected by the labor, perseverance and judgment of a few, after a protracted opposition; and it is to be hoped that those few will not be forgotten, when succeeding years shall harvest the result of their energy and prescience.

A splendid organ, built by Simmons and Wilcox, having nearly 2,000 pipes, has added to the beauty of this Hall in its architectural excellence, and given impressive effect to the ceremonies. Let me urge upon every Masonic Body to add the influence of Music to their meetings. It has an irresistible power on the heart, — attunes it to its best emotions.

The subject of Masonic Libraries is one which appears proper for the consideration of every Lodge. The press is teeming

with publications on Freemasonry. That there are many, very many, which had better be committed to the stoves is vividly true. They would thus do more good in warming the body than in imparting in any way intelligence to the mind. Most of these are urged upon the Fraternity by such a pertinacity of application that the *itinerant venders* have become nuisances on the time and patience of the Brethren. But let not these preclude the acquiring of those works so essential to every one who aspires to be an intelligent member of the Order. The productions of Dr. Oliver, Moore, Mackay, and many others, from the most enlightened of the Brethren; the voluminous "London Masonic Magazine," the "Latomia" of Leipsic, the "Revue Maçonnique" of Paris, the Proceedings, especially, of the Grand Lodges of the United States, should be accessible to every one desirous of knowledge of the history, principles, practices and jurisprudence of our wide-spread Institution.

I regret in this connection to add, that the Brethren under this jurisdiction have not that information given to them which is imparted to all subordinates of other Grand Lodges, through a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, where an analysis is given of all the important transactions of those Bodies. It is my opinion that the most venerable, and certainly not the least influential, of the Grand Lodges of the United States should not lack in this very essential particular, but that an able committee should annually promulgate to its members and constituents all such information as would enlighten them on those particulars which should interest every Mason in Massachusetts.

Among the appointed officers in this Body is the Corresponding Grand Secretary. From him should be derived information in regard to other Grand Lodges; the more necessary, as we hold no official relation with them, not having adopted the representative system, which has so extensively become the medium of fraternal intercommunication, and which, I believe, can now be productive of much good, and therefore endorse the sentiment of the Grand Master of Illinois, that this system will supersede that urged by the friends of a General Grand Body. I have received during the past year a diploma from the Grand

Lodge, accrediting a member of this Grand Lodge as their representative here, and also another from Dr. Leigham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Unity, at Frankfort on Main, requesting a similar reciprocity. These documents are herewith submitted.

From the want of some more intimate relation with our Brethren of the Grand Lodges of this continent and Europe, our Library, which should afford the most ample resource for Masonic information, is barren. Our collection of Masonic literature is respectable, but the transactions of Grand Bodies are very incomplete, — and, more singular still, there is no full set of our own transactions. It should not be so.

My very able predecessor, whose every suggestion for the advance and prosperity of this Grand Lodge evinced sagacity and judgment, urged the importance of forming Lodges of Instruction in the several Districts of the jurisdiction, as being the best measure to diffuse a correct knowledge of the work and lectures. These would form both pleasant and profitable reunions among members of different Lodges, and I cordially reiterate his recommendation. One has recently been formed at Cambridgeport, under the auspices of the Brethren of Amicable Lodge, a Body which enrols as much Masonic intelligence as any of those in which I have had the honor to be officially interested. They have selected a good name and title, being the "John T. Heard Lodge of Instruction."

The Reports from the District Deputies are exceedingly encouraging. They show that the Order is flourishing, not only by numerical increase, but by the more gratifying fact, that there is a very decided improvement in the knowledge of the work and lectures. So much is this so, that during the year the Grand Lecturers have been called to visit but very few. Their labors of the preceding years were not in vain; what they planted has produced the best fruits. I should commit an injustice both to my own sentiments and what is eminently due from this Grand Lodge, not to mention with gratitude the labors so well fulfilled by the District Deputy Grand Masters. Their duties are arduous and highly responsible. They have

been successfully administered. In behalf of all the components of the Grand Lodge I most cordially thank them.

The District Deputy Grand Master of the 2d Masonic District [General Sutton], with that liberality which has ever characterized him, with that enlarged generosity in his every relation as a Mason, a citizen, and as a man, has refused any compensation for his expenditures in behalf of the Grand Lodge. To him this gift may seem but a small matter, undeserving of this public acknowledgment. But as this is not the solitary, but only one of a thousand kindred acts, I shall not forbear this justice to his worth, though it may be repugnant to his delicacy.

The increase of initiates has been very large. In 1857 the number was 1,092; in 1858, 951; in 1859, 1,188; in 1860, 1,323; making 136 more during the present than last year, which was unusually large.

The following Dispensations for new Lodges have been granted during the past year, viz. :—

July 25. John Warren Lodge, Hopkinton, to Frederic H. Wakefield, and others.

August 3. Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, to Wm. D. Coolidge, and thirty-five others.

August 23. Pacific Lodge, Amherst, to Henry Bridgman, and others.

Oct. 10. Hancock Lodge, Methuen, to Stephen Huse, and thirteen others.

Dec. 13. Aberdour Lodge, Boston, to Joseph E. Billings, P. Adams Ames, and others.

Masonic Halls have been dedicated, and Lodges constituted at the following places :—

Jan. 10. Dedicated hall at Milford.

Feb. 7. Dedicated hall at Brighton.

Feb. 21. Dedicated hall at East Weymouth.

March 20. Dedicated and constituted Pilgrim Lodge at Harwich.

March 26. Dedicated and constituted Caleb Butler Lodge at South Groton.

July 10. Dedicated and constituted Wilder Lodge at Leominster.

Sept. 18. Dedicated hall and constituted Martha's Vineyard Lodge, Tisbury.

Sept. 23. Dedicated hall and constituted John Cutler Lodge, Abington.

Sept. 27. Dedicated hall and constituted Orange Lodge, Orange.

Oct. 5. Dedicated hall and constituted Oxford Lodge, Oxford.

Oct. 16. Dedicated hall, by Special Deputy, of United Brethren Lodge, at Marlborough.

Oct. 27. Dedicated hall, by Special Deputy Wyzeman Marshall, of Saint Alban's Lodge, at Foxborough.

Dec. 13. Charters were granted to Quinebaug Lodge, Southbridge, and Hammatt Lodge, East Boston. These are to be soon constituted by my successor.

From the foregoing statement it will be manifest that the year has been one of unprecedented activity, and of success, if numbers enter into the estimation of success. There have been many rejected. Let me urge upon you to make the standard of admission so high that the composition of your Lodges be such as to reflect honor on the Institution. Without particularizing those qualities evidently indispensable for admission, as a useful life, an unwavering truth, an unblemished reputation, I beg you, for your peace, to regard the *disposition* of the applicant. See to it that it is courteous, amiable, free from acrimony and causticity, temperate in discussion, cautious in the imputation of wrong intentions; in short, that it depart not by word or deed from the sphere of the gentleman and the Brother. He who has not his passions in due subjection among his Brethren may prove a firebrand in the Lodge, inflaming and destroying the sacred edifice by the unhallowed torch of an uncontrolled and devastating passion. To such a one a fool is preferable, for there is no general suffering from his stupidity, while the first may point a shaft of poisoned words to wound the whole of your numbers.

Remember that we gather here, remember that wherever Masons meet, it is around an altar as Brothers of a Brother-

hood extensive as the earth. Holy is that communion here, the essential teaching of which is of that commandment which enjoins to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Among us all may that true fraternal spirit and practice be so engendered and prevail that it may inspire our hearts, as members of a great community, to those kindly feelings towards all of our fellow-citizens of this wide-spread land, which will conduce to the harmony and the preservation of a glorious Union. It is not out of place to say, that our Institution may do much in this relation. "Peace on earth, good will to men," is the great constituent of Freemasonry. Therefore, introducing here no caustic allusion to sectional differences, no subject of political diversities, we can and should, as wielding a most powerful conservative influence, urge upon all of the household of our Faith to cast the oil from our altars o'er the troubled waters of political and sectional strife. It is those who meet, as we here are met, where differences are buried, acrimonies subdued, who can be powerful for so much general good, who hold in their hands the olive-branch of peace, who cherish in their hearts the warmest, widest philanthropy. With those feelings, unrestricted by space, undivided by local peculiarities, pray for the peace of our Zion, for the perpetuity of the Union, for the consequent prosperity of our country, and for the continuance of those fraternal ties which, God grant, may be long continued to us all, whether of the North or South, East or West, as fellow-citizens and as Brothers.

As Presiding Officer of the Grand Lodge, my work is now done ; younger, wiser and better men are to succeed me, but none to whom I can yield, in devotion to the interests of the Institution, or in love to all that concerns Massachusetts Masonry. To those who have been so long associated with me, the companions of my earlier and later days, I tender the assurance of my regard and gratitude, and trust they may long be spared to adorn the Order. Especially am I indebted to the officers of this year, who have lightened the labors, and cheered the official toils which devolved on the Chair. May a kind Providence smile on each and all of you, and continue that protection and success which have ever blessed our good cause.

IN GRAND LODGE March 13, 1861.

R. W. Bro. Heard offered the following report, signed by him and R. W. Bro. Dean, which was adopted.

REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge: —

The undersigned, the committee to whom were referred the valedictory address of M. W. Winslow Lewis and the inaugural address of M. W. William D. Coolidge, have given to them that careful and respectful consideration which, in view of the distinguished sources from which they emanated, they are entitled to command.

The enlightened counsel and fraternal admonitions of the retiring Grand Master, coming from one who for more than thirty years has with rare continuity of purpose devoted himself to our Institution, cannot fail to receive the respect and attention of this Grand Lodge.

The commencement of his address contains a feeling tribute to the memory and worth of two of the oldest members and past officers of this body, in every word of which the committee heartily concur; but as the Grand Lodge has already expressed itself in affectionate eulogy of the characters and services of these distinguished Brethren, all appropriate outward manifestation of our regard has been performed.

The favorable opinion of the Most Worshipful of the fitness of our present Masonic apartments, and the value of the property of which they are a part, we are happy to believe is shared by the Brethren generally. By prudent management of the income from this property, it is hoped that, at no very remote day, the estate will be freed from encumbrance, leaving it a source of most ample contributions to our charitable funds.

The Organ recently erected has, as the Most Worshipful truly avers, "added to the beauty of the Hall in its architectural excellence, and given effect to the ceremonies." The committee would add, that the only objection that could be made to its procurement was an expenditure of means which it was desirable should be applied to the extinguishment of debt.

The committee earnestly concur in the recommendation to give the influence of music to Masonic meetings. Its appropriateness all will acknowledge ; its beneficence none will deny.

“How music charms!
How metre warms!
Parent of actions good and brave!
How vice it tames!
And worth inflames!
And holds proud empire o'er the grave!”

Masonic libraries are a resource of a Lodge of modern adoption ; but even now very few Lodges have availed themselves of their advantages. Some fifty years ago this Grand Lodge undertook the formation of a library, and collections of Masonic literature were began ; but the undertaking soon died out. A revival of it took place a few years since, and has resulted, mainly through the efforts of Bro. Lewis, in the creation of a library of excellence and value. In his address, now receiving our notice, the description of its character is given ; though he modestly withholds all reference to his generous contributions to its shelves of many rare, useful and costly publications. If the spirit in which he has so persistently labored for this commendable object were continued by others qualified for the task, and their painstaking were sustained with due liberality by the Grand Lodge, we should soon be in possession of a library, not only in name, but of one embracing a mass of Masonic information no where else to be found in this country.

The Most Worshipful recommends the appointment by this Body of a Committee of Foreign Correspondence. Such a committee exists in most of the Grand Lodges of this country, and their reports refer to the transactions of the Grand Lodges other than that which they represent. Doubtless an intelligent and judicious committee, possessing such a charge, would gather a fund of information of interest to the members of this jurisdiction. A digest of the doings of the Brethren elsewhere, compiled with care and due discrimination, would be of great value to us ; and become useful, oftentimes, in determining mat-

ters personal, historical and legal. But the value of a report of such a committee would depend largely upon the qualification of its members and their application to the arduous duties devolved upon them. A mere transcript of the printed transactions of corresponding Grand Lodges would form an incongruous collection of matter almost worthless for its voluminousness, and costing largely for publication.

Our attention is directed to the office of Corresponding Grand Secretary, from the incumbent of which, the Most Worshipful justly remarks, "should be derived information in regard to other Grand Lodges." This office has been hitherto more ornamental than useful; but in future it is hoped it will possess both of these characteristics. That the functions belonging to it have not been exercised by its occupant has been owing, perhaps, to the ancient practice, which has prevailed, of communicating through the recording officer. It has been the good fortune of the Grand Lodge for more than half a century to have always in the last-named officer one of our most intelligent and active Brethren; and it was natural, therefore, especially when the occasion for correspondence was less pressing than now, that all of it should have been conducted by one individual, and by him who, from the nature of his station, was constant in his attendance upon the Grand Lodge and recorded its proceedings. The time seems now to have arrived when the corresponding officer, who is appointed as such, should exert his prerogatives. His services might be of the greatest benefit to us in facilitating our communications with other sections of our great and extended Brotherhood. To him might be confided the collection of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges; and he might perform the duties usually discharged by Committees of Correspondence. The almost daily production of Masonic literature, in occasional and periodical publications, it might be his province to gather together for our library, in the performance of which he might be authorized to employ the services of paid assistants when necessary. The printed transactions of the Grand Lodges in the United States, if collected by him, would alone cause him no little employment; to which he would have to add the labor to

collect and otherwise prepare them for the library,—a work which has hitherto been but imperfectly performed.

All that the Most Worshipful suggests in favor of introducing the work and lectures into the subordinate Lodges meets with the hearty response of the committee. Until every Lodge has the knowledge of them thoroughly, we cannot say that Massachusetts Freemasonry is perfect. It might not, perhaps, be too harsh a measure to deny to a Lodge the right to a vote in Grand Lodge which should be so derelict in its duty as not to have the ritual entirely at its command—"word for word, letter for letter, comma for comma."

The great fund of information presented by the District Deputies, in their reports to the Grand Master, entitles these officers to the commendation of the Grand Lodge, as well as to that which the Most Worshipful has been pleased to express.

In closing our remarks on this address, we beg to say, what we believe this Grand Lodge will be pleased to confirm, that in no other Masonic life of thirty years can there be more to admire, more of true and disinterested devotion, and more of example worthy of imitation, than that of our highly esteemed Brother who lately presided over us. His parting counsel, therefore, merits, and will receive, our most respectful attention.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 12, 1861.

R.W. Brother Lewis offered the following report, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered in the Records.

REPORT.

To record the death of one whose life has been protracted to a century is seldom allotted to any "chronicler of the times." This long duration of existence, so seldom granted, is so striking an exception to the fiat which the Almighty established, as to our length of years, that the centenarian is a phenomenon of vitality.

If, in addition to this great length of years, can be super-

added the consistency of a virtuous life, a uniformity in the paths of honor and uprightness, truly the death of the departed is peculiarly worthy of note. That life which has so long "answered life's great end" should grace our Records as incentives to let our light thus shine.

In noticing the decease of our most venerable Brother Ebenezer Mower, of Worcester, who died Feb. 14, 1861, aged one hundred years and four months, we have to record the death of one who, for sixty-seven years, was a member of our Order, and was a true, zealous and faithful one, not only in profession but in practice.

He was initiated in Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, Feb. 18, 1794, and the same year became a member, R.W. Isaiah Thomas being the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He held many of the most active and important offices there to the acceptance of his Brethren. Our venerable and highly respected Brother, Dr. John Green, informs us, that "he was esteemed, prompt and efficient in the discharge of every duty; honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow-men, and beloved by every one;" and entertained to the last a strong and lively interest in that Institution to which he dedicated his youth, manhood and old age.

Length of years was vouchsafed to him, but better than this was the conscientiousness of a long and well-spent life.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1861.

R.W. Brother Lewis offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, the Brethren all rising: —

Resolved, That the decease of the late Hon. Sylvester Baxter has removed from this Grand Lodge one of its most honored members, whose life was protracted to a mature age of usefulness to his fellow-citizens, and to societies with which he was associated, but more especially to this time-honored Order.

Resolved, That in the important relation to his Masonic Brethren as District Deputy Grand Master, he ever manifested

an unwearied zeal, and a fidelity worthy of imitation, and that this Grand Lodge deplore the loss of one of its most estimable officers.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the Masonic community of the District under his jurisdiction, in this dispensation, which has deprived them especially of one who was to them a most generous and faithful Brother; and to his bereaved family we tender our condolence, that he, who was its loved head, has been removed from that home on earth, which his presence ever made happy; but still can rejoice that they, that we, that all who knew him, have the assurance that, from his well-spent life, he has a home above, "eternal in the heavens."

The same Brother also offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are warmly tendered to their late Treasurer, the Hon. Thomas Tolman, for his faithful services, his devotion to promote its best interests for more than twenty years in various offices, thirteen of which he has served as its Treasurer, and in all evincing the devotion of an upright man and Mason.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 10, 1862.

The Grand Master having informed the Grand Lodge that some valuable acquisitions had been made to the Library, through the generosity of the R.W. Past Grand Master Lewis, it was, on motion of R.W. Bro. Heard, unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to R.W. Bro. Winslow Lewis, for his generous donations to the Library, and for the active interest he has always manifested in its behalf.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 10, 1862.

The Committee on the Library offered the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

REPORT :

That the accession of valuable and interesting works has been very considerable, both as to numbers and importance, and that this Library of Masonic Literature may now be considered as a collection worthy of the first Grand Lodge of the Union. The large number of loose pamphlets have been handsomely bound in seventy-five 8vo volumes, and duly catalogued, and another case placed in the Grand Secretary's room to receive the large addition to the Library.

WINSLOW LEWIS.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 9, 1863.

R.W. Brother Lewis offered the following report, which was adopted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously presented to the Brother for his liberality in valuable donations to the Library, and for his efficient services in advancing its value.

REPORT.

The Committee on the Library, in making their annual report, would allude to the early efforts of this Grand Lodge to accomplish an object so desirable as the collecting of the publications relative to the Order.

In a document presented to the Grand Lodge in 1820, signed by Zach. G. Whitman and Thomas Power, they deem it expedient and practicable that a Library should be formed. "When [as they say] the Historical Society's Library, as also those which have been founded since, such as the Antiquarian, Apprentices', Merchants' and Theological, the founders possessed less means of collecting a useful Library than what the Grand Lodge have, and do now possess; all these libraries have become extensive and useful, from small beginnings, and so may be one founded by the Grand Lodge. The books

originally purchased by Bro. Harris, at a considerable cost, have been scattered, and are in danger of being lost. Some of them perhaps have already become so for the want of a repository where they may be resorted to under proper regulations. The printed Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, many of them containing decisions on important questions, and precedents which ought to be preserved for future use, are negligently kept by most of the Lodges to whom they are sent. The Communications of other Grand Lodges in sister States, and their By-Laws, when communicated to this Grand Lodge, are never read in Grand Lodge, and seldom but by a few individuals, and are lost after a few years; and thereby the opinions of other Grand Lodges upon important questions either perish or are preserved in the loose remembrance of an individual who may casually have read them."

Forty-three years have now elapsed since that report was made, and until a very short period ago nothing had been effected in this respect. The really valuable books which had been purchased from the good and learned Brother, the late Dr. Thaddeus M. Harris, were lost. The Communications of our own and all other Grand Lodges had not been preserved, and the inquirer for "more light" on the Documental History of Freemasonry sought in vain, until in 1855 a Committee on a Library was appointed, who began earnestly to effect so important a result; and the same members primarily appointed still have continued their labors to this time, and now have the satisfaction to report that there is a *Masonic Library* now belonging to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts worthy the name of one.

Also, that all the pecuniary outlay from the funds of the Grand Lodge for the whole collection, for the binding, the books, cases, etc., will not exceed \$400, the bibliographical value of which is more than four times that sum.

There are now in the Library 565 well-bound volumes, besides about 300 pamphlets. There are many works of rarity and of great value to the Masonic "savant," a source from whence may be derived the fullest information on the history of our time-

honored Organization. In addition to the labors of the committee they have a complete fully digested catalogue of the whole, and every book and pamphlet is entered on the catalogue, with the date of its issue, its size, and the place where printed. The whole number of the titles thus catalogued is 1681. A Library without such a catalogue is almost useless; an ill-assorted, or rather confused mass of intellectual wealth, almost unavailable in its unexplained composition, but productive and efficient when assorted and registered. How appropriate then is that inscription over a well-described Library, *Non minima pars est eruditionis bonos nosce libros.*

The committee trust that this collection will be resorted to by those who are desirous of a knowledge of a history of our Institution; by those who are pleased with observing the first birth of new opinions, their struggles against opposition, their silent progress under persecution, their general reception, their gradual decline or sudden extinction; by those who amuse themselves with remarking the different periods of Masonic progress, and observe how darkness and light succeed each other; by what accident the most gloomy nights have given way to the dawn, and how at times the Order has languished and decayed for want of patronage and regard, or been overborne by the prevalence of a temporary ignorance, or almost lost by the storms of persecution. All those, in fine, who desire any knowledge of the vicissitudes which attend ours as well as all other human organizations, may now find in our complete catalogue the amplest information.

The committee, therefore, in justice to their labors, again appeal to the Brethren for their support. Hitherto that support has been meagre and limited. Not a half dozen have helped the cause, and there are only two who have contributed to any considerable extent.

Let this storehouse of Masonic literature be increased, and let its benign influences long flourish "to inform the head, and rectify the heart."

Respectfully submitted,

WINSLOW LEWIS,

For the Committee on Library.

The following is a copy of a letter from Dr. Lewis to John T. Heard. The latter was then sojourning in Washington, D.C.

April 10, 1864.

MY DEAR BRO. HEARD:— I will give you a detail of our loss, without giving any vent to my feelings. I need not, to you, say how much I feel! You will see, by the papers, that the fire commenced in the third story of the hotel, and that there was no person in the Masonic rooms.

Now as to our losses: every picture, book, regalia, in short, *all* are among the things that were.

The great safe is safe, as also the safes of Winslow Lewis Lodge, and St. Andrew's Lodge.

The regalia and apparatus of the Supreme Council, which cost \$15,000, total loss.

Boston Encampment, loss \$20,000, less \$10,000 insured.

Massachusetts Lodge insured for \$300.

Winslow Lewis Lodge insured for \$1,000.

St. Andrew's Chapter " " \$800.

St. Paul's " " \$1,000.

Aberdour Lodge, total loss.

De Molay Encampment, total loss.

St. Bernard " "

I have not heard what are the losses to the other Institutions.

Grand Lodge insurance on building	\$55,000 00
" " " " pictures, furniture, and regalia,	4,200 00
" " " " library	400 00
" " bricks and materials, said to be worth about,	9,000 00
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	\$68,600 00

My own personal loss is somewhat, viz.:—

1. <i>Buried affections</i> , loss inestimable.	
2. A splendid antique Priè Dieu	\$250 00
3. My regalia, 4 swords, etc.	200 00
4. A very valuable original painting of Chief Justice Sewell, painted in 1710, which I bought from our Sec. of State two months ago for \$100, and paid Howarth \$50 for repairing	150 00
All my jewels, which were many	100 00
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	\$700 00

The above painting was sent to Freemason's Hall on *Wednesday morning*. I had ordered it to the house of Chief Justice Bigelow, to be presented to the S. Court. As I had told him my intention, my wishes were known.

Again, what an unfortunate wretch!!! Isaac H. Wright had the deeds of all my landed possessions, and left them all for me on that dark *Wednesday*! Eheu!

Per contra, I took from the Library the Hist. of Columbian Lodge, by one John T. Heard, containing the autograph of the author (also on *Wednesday*), in order to write the biography of Dr. J. B. Flint.

Immediately after the catastrophe the Odd Fellows offered their whole apartments, and Columbian Lodge met there on Thursday night, and Winslow Lewis Lodge met at the Masonic rooms in South Boston, and conferred the degrees on Gen. Devens, who *was not elected* Governor last year.

But we are all wide awake, and to-morrow we take Thorndike Hall, in Summer St., over Chandler's store. Mrs. Heard will know more about that locality than yourself. We shall have fine accommodations there.

My present position daily is hovering near the "debris" of Freemason's Hall, like Marius sitting on the ruins of Carthage. My aspect is dolorous; but, between ourselves, I heartily rejoice that the building is down.

We have been offered \$15 a foot for the land, but we have resolved at once to build an edifice, creditable to Boston and Freemasonry, on the spot. No hotel, but, as you suggest, elegant stores. We want the light of your countenance at this juncture. The financiering is rather out of my line.

You shall hear from me soon, as I know how much your interest will be excited. With my kindest regards to Mrs. Heard,

Yours fraternally,
WINSLOW LEWIS.

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 14, 1864.

The Committee on the Library offered the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on the Library of the Grand Lodge are compelled to present a report on that which is not extant, — on those things which now are among the things that were, now to be catalogued as *res non inventæ, non existentibus*.

All that *was*, of a really excellent Library, so recently a proud monument of the Literature of Freemasonry, belonging to this Grand Lodge, is buried among the ashes and rubbish of our Temple. That collection of Masonic Works was a valuable one — collected by the labor of years. Most of it was the gift of two of the Brethren, and towards it this Body paid but a small sum. It was insured for \$400.

The committee, however, have to congratulate the Fraternity, that the most rare work (it being accidentally in the hands of the binder), and of which no other perfect copy can be found, the "Masonic Mirror," was preserved. It consists of two folio, and seven quarto volumes. It embodies all the details of that exciting period when antimasonry was rampant, and its utter downfall, death, and everlasting interment.

The Directors of the Corporation have placed the amount received from the insurance in the hands of the Committee on the Library, and already many works have been purchased, and several donations have been made, and the committee would express, in behalf of this Grand Lodge, their thanks to the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Ohio, Illinois and Louisiana, for their donations of copies of their transactions.

A Masonic Library cannot now be readily obtained. It is a well-known fact, that works on the subject of Freemasonry are eagerly sought for, and obtain large prices, and that several of the Brethren in this jurisdiction have, at a great expense, their private collections, which have been obtained after much research, at the cost of much time and expenditure of money.

Moreover our Library cannot be enlarged by purchase, at this time, of foreign works, on account of the enhanced cost of importation.

The committee, therefore, look to their Masonic Brethren for their voluntary contributions. Surely there should be a response from all who are or should be interested in this matter.

The committee are willing to contribute all their attention and care to effect so desirable an object. A catalogue has been already prepared, and every book and pamphlet registered, and a column denoting the name of the donor of each gift. They trust to see that column filled with the names of the ardent lovers of the Order and its interests, and among these interests should be the founding of a storehouse of Masonic literature.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
For the Committee.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 13, 1865.

The R.W. Bro. Lewis presented the following report on the Library, which was adopted.

REPORT.

The small nucleus of what it is hoped will be the commencement of a large collection of Masonic works has been very considerably augmented since the last report. It now contains about five hundred volumes, all in good order and well bound, besides a large number of pamphlets. There was received from the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge \$400, being the amount insured on the Library which was destroyed. This of course has been more than expended.

A perfect catalogue has been made of every book and pamphlet, which includes a systematic index. Fifty volumes of the transactions of Grand Lodges and other Masonic organizations have been bound in a substantial and neat manner.

To the urgent appeal of the Committee on the Library to the Fraternity, to supply by donation the loss sustained by fire, there has not been that response which should have been so emphatically exhibited. Some exemplars of devotion to the

cause have manifested their liberality, and these instances will be promulgated in a future report; and it is to be hoped that of those now present some may be prompted by this palpable hint to cause themselves to be registered among the benefactors to Masonic literature.

To those of the Order who are unacquainted with the bibliography of Freemasonry, it may not be irrelevant to state, that among the large collections of Europe there are some (and it will surprise those who may not be informed of the fact) that number thousands of volumes. Your chairman, at his late visit to the Hague, had the pleasure to view the great library of the late Dr. Kloss, now the property of the illustrious Grand Master of Holland, Prince of the Netherlands, which contains more than 10,000 volumes on the subject of the Order. This collection is open to and free for all Masons, and if any Brother should visit that interesting spot, he will be welcomed cordially by the Grand Archæologist and Grand Secretary, the savant Bro. J. J. F. Noordziek.

It is hoped that Massachusetts will come up to a high standard in this particular, and maintain in this, as in other characteristics, its pre-eminent distinction.

There has been received a large engraved portrait of the Grand Master of England, and a view of the Masonic Temple at Geneva; these have been framed, and are the donation of a Brother. [Dr. Lewis.]

WINSLOW LEWIS,
Chairman.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 14, 1866.

R.W. Bro. Winslow Lewis offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, the Brethren all rising:—

Whereas, during the present year, in the month of May, there will be held a jubilee in commemoration of an event unparalleled in the whole history of the Order, viz.: The advent of the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Mastership of the illustrious Prince Frederic, of the Netherlands, to be celebrated at the Hague; and

Whereas, This happy occasion should be appropriately noticed

by fraternal congratulations from all the sister Grand Lodges, so nearly connected by sentiment, however divided by space, therefore, —

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts send their fraternal greeting to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands on the remarkable epoch of its history, when the venerable Head, spared to be for half a century its ornament and Master, completes an event which has no like Masonic parallel.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts cannot but be feelingly impressed that their forefathers were dwellers in Holland, and that from her shore they embarked, and here founded that prosperity which has increased to the fulness of a great national Union.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tender their highest respects and fraternal regards to His Highness, Prince Frederic, the illustrious Grand Master of the Grand East of the Netherlands, with their congratulations that Providence has spared him to be so long the guide and counsellor of his Brethren, — the beloved and honored Head of the Order, — the Patriarch of Freemasonry. May the reflection that he has devoted half a century to the cause of philanthropy be the solace of his aged heart, and smooth his declining years to a peaceful and happy close.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 13, 1866.

R.W. Bro. Winslow Lewis submitted the following report on the Library, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Library

REPORT :

That but very few additions in number have been made during the year ; but of those few, procured by purchase, are some of peculiar value and interest to the Masonic Bibliophile, especially a complete series of the Ancient Constitutions from the *princeps* edition of Anderson of 1722 to 1784.

The accumulation of pamphlets, etc., is large.

The number of the donors is very limited. It should not be so; for undoubtedly there is scarcely a member of the Order who does not possess some work on the subject, perhaps of no especial value, as a brochure or pamphlet, but, added to an organized collection, of some considerable importance. Will the Brethren please respond to the suggestion?

Respectfully,

WINSLOW LEWIS.

ADDENDA TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND
LODGE FOR 1866.

GRAND LODGE OF THE NETHERLANDS.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in March, 1866, R.W. Past Grand Master, Dr. Lewis, in view of the approaching celebration by the Grand Orient of the Netherlands of the semi-centennial anniversary of the Grand Mastership of His Royal Highness Prince Frederic Charles, of Holland, offered a series of congratulatory resolutions, which were adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Noordziek, at the Hague. It was then supposed that the celebration would take place in May following, but it appears that it did not take place until the 27th of November last. The resolutions will be found on page twelve of the foregoing Proceedings. [Pages 297, 298 of this report.] Since they were printed an official acknowledgment of their receipt, by the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, has been received. Believing that it would be of interest to the Brethren, and its early publication in connection with the resolutions (to which reference may be made as above) appropriate, the whole correspondence is here given, in advance of its presentation to the Grand Lodge:—

Boston, June 1, 1866.

J. J. F. NOORDZIEK, *Grand Secretary Grand Orient of the Netherlands*:—

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— Accompanying this letter is a document from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, embracing some resolutions which I had the honor to propose in relation to your illustrious Grand Master Prince Frederic, and which met a hearty response from all the Brethren.

Will you have the kindness to present this manifestation of the high respect of his trans-Atlantic Brothers to His Highness, with the personal assurances of the high consideration of

His humble Masonic coadjutor,

WINSLOW LEWIS,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

ANSWER.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—

WORSHIPFUL AND DEAR BRETHREN:— On the occasion of the semi-centennial jubilee of His Royal Highness Prince Frederic, of the Netherlands, as National Grand Master of this Kingdom, its Colonies and Dependencies, which was celebrated in the most imposing and solemn manner on the 27th of November last, you have manifested, by your truly fraternal expressions, addressed to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, and to the Order in general in these realms, all your sympathy on an event as remarkable as it is unparalleled in the annals of Masonic history. Your felicitations and demonstrations of interest, shown on the occasion, made the most profound impression on the assembly of the Grand Lodge, and have excited their warmest gratitude towards your Grand Lodge, which has furnished a most evident proof of your brotherly sentiments.

We have been directed, by the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, to forward you the expression of their thanks for your fraternal remembrance. They thank you most cordially for this act of fellowship, and unite and pray for the prosperity of the Order throughout your whole country, and of all its members.

The document sent by you to the Illustrious Prince (Jubert) has been presented, in your name, to His Royal Highness, who, in accepting it, assures you that he has been profoundly touched by this proof of esteem and kindness, and that he will ever preserve it as a most precious souvenir.

In the name of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands,

F. A. VAN RAPPART,
National Deputy Grand Master.

J. J. F. NOORDZIEK,
Grand Secretary.

Hague, Dec. 31, 1866.

[From the Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. xx., pp. 184, 185.]

RESOLUTIONS ON THE RETIREMENT OF DR. LEWIS AS
PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORIC-GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

John H. Sheppard submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

“Winslow Lewis, M.D., having, from ill health, declined to be a candidate for re-election as President of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, the following testimonial of our respect and affection is offered:—

“*Resolved*, That the officers and members of this association sincerely sympathize with our honored and beloved President, who feels compelled to relinquish an office which, for five years, he has so ably filled.

“*Resolved*, That the harmonious manner with which he has ever conducted our meetings, his liberal donations to our library, his valuable addresses in promoting historical pursuits and genealogy, the deep interest he has taken in the welfare of our institution, the classic taste and love of literature which have distinguished a life devoted to professional avocations, and the flattering success which has accompanied the progress of this society since it has been under his care, will be held in lasting remembrance.

“And while we lament that ill health has compelled him to retire from stations where he did much good, we are assured

that it must be a consoling reflection to him to know that this society has been advancing to more and more usefulness, and already enters upon its twenty-second year with the most auspicious prospects dawning upon it in the departments of literature, history and genealogy."

Dr. Lewis spoke in substance as follows: "On retiring from the honorable position which I have occupied for several years by your kindness, I feel the severity of that affliction which compels me, almost in silence, to leave the chair without paying my heartfelt tribute to the members of the society for that courtesy which they have so long exercised towards me. If my lips could respond to my heart, there would at least be the eloquence of a grateful breast. But all that I can do is to thank you fervently; and, I assure you, not without emotion.

"It would be expected that on this our first meeting in the new year the proceedings of the past should be reviewed; the statistics given in all the several relations of the departments of our society; our past commented on with pride and satisfaction; our prospective chance of success and still greater influence on the community anticipated by our selection of officers whose high social position and deserved influence on the public will insure success to our cause. These and the review of the historical details of the eventful year, now just closed, clustered with events so important to every citizen of the United States and to the whole civilized world,—all these should be spread before you fully and elaborately.

"Without alluding to the causes which have prevented the fulfilment of my wishes and hopes at this time, I trust to be enabled shortly to present you something to fill up the hiatus occasioned by imperious necessity on my part.

"The society has now been organized for the ensuing year on a basis which promises the best results. You have elected as your president one [Gov. Andrew] whose praise is on every tongue, whose excellence is written and stamped on the heart of every Massachusetts man and woman; it is printed in clear characters on the living records of the old Bay State; stereotyped through all coming time for the stimulation of rulers, who would emulate his services to a loving, grateful constituency.

"Your election of vice-president, whose high reputation as a sound and sagacious merchant, higher still for philanthropy, for his readiness to co-operate in all deeds to raise the standard of advance and of social progress, will give our society another prestige of continued success.

"Such are the auspices of the career of our society for the opening year as to its honored heads; heads with brains, hearts of warmth, hands with power to respond to the suggestions of both. With such vitality in our cause may our society go on prosperously, and attain the high objects for which it was organized."

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1867.

R.W. Bro. Winslow Lewis, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, made the following

REPORT :

That now it is a good collection of Masonic works, embracing the best authors in English, French, and German, all well bound and in fine condition. In the catalogue are many of rarity, and of considerable cost ordinarily, but acquired at a moderate price by the indefatigable labors of those most interested in a matter so important, so desirable, to every aspirant for information in Masonic literature.*

Every Lodge should have somewhat of a Library, at least the manuals and the works on jurisprudence. By their perusal every Master should be able to decide on those subjects which are so constantly presented to his judgment and capacity. The

*It is to be especially mentioned that there are the whole of all the varied serials published by that most erudite Mason, R.W. Bro. Charles W. Moore, embracing the labors of forty-five years. Among these, either in folio or 4to, is the "Masonic Mirror," which contains the best historical account of the anti-Masonic excitement extant; in fact, there is no other copy known. It is priceless. These volumes will long remain as a proud monument of the accomplished editor.

Grand Secretary of this State has been generally the arbiter on the vexed questions of Masonic law in this jurisdiction and in the United States, and his office has been no sinecure in this respect for the long period of thirty-four years.

Your committee are pleased to report that there is a growing interest as to the formation of libraries, and that several Lodges are actively moving on this subject; and a recent article from the facile pen of our Corresponding Grand Secretary [Charles Levi Woodbury] to his own Lodge is a document full of interest, showing the learned research of the ripe scholar and the devoted Brother. It is to be hoped that this able paper will be printed.

How few of the Order are there who are cognizant of its history and its literature, so curious, so interesting, so extensive! In our nomenclature great stress is laid on the appellation of a "*bright Mason*" to any one who can give the verbiage of the rites, but may be totally ignorant of the enlarged information required to constitute the truly accomplished student of their foundation, history, and epochs. It requires bright minds and varied attainments to make a real "*bright Mason*." Mere "*parotizing*" will never produce "*brightness*" in its proper and legitimate sense.

The Library of the Grand Lodge is in the beautiful office of the Grand Secretary, and is contained in two elaborately finished cases. One is fully filled, the other awaits the future donations of the Craft. May it soon present a positive repletion. Every book is stamped with a seal, denoting its ownership, and all, with every pamphlet, catalogued.

The committee acknowledge the liberal donations of Mrs. Lyman Tucker, the widow of a beloved Brother; and also of a complete set of the "*Freemason's Magazine*," from the R. W. Simon W. Robinson. The continuous bounty of our venerable and estimable Bro. Thomas Waterman is still manifested. A worthy exemplar! Would that his followers were more numerous!

Respectfully submitted by

WINSLOW LEWIS,
Chairman.

R.W. Bro. Winslow Lewis presented to the M.W. Grand Lodge a Portrait of His Royal Highness Prince Frederic, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, who completed the fiftieth anniversary of his Grand Mastership in 1866.

Accompanying the presentation of the Portrait was the following letter from R.W. Bro. Noordziek, Grand Secretary : —

GRAND ORIENT OF THE NETHERLANDS,
HAGUE, Sept. 1, 1867.

To the R. W. Bro. Winslow Lewis, P. G. M., &c. : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I received through the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder your fraternal letter of April last. I did not meet him personally, but he forwarded to me from Brussels, under date of the 5th of July, with your note, an engraving of the "New Masonic Temple," at Boston, which you present for the Archives of the Grand East of the Netherlands.

I showed this testimony of your friendly feelings towards your Brothers of this country to the Grand Officers, and I am charged to return you their best thanks, and to assure you that this document met with the warmest reception.

I send you by the present conveyance the Portrait of our Illustrious Grand Master, Prince Frederic, which you desire to possess for your New Masonic Temple, and which I hope you will receive safely and in good order.

You will learn with great satisfaction that the large and rich collection of books and manuscripts of the late Dr. Kloss, the property of the Grand Master, together with his own private collection (also large and valuable), have been placed in the Archives of this Grand East. Thus the two collections form one, rare and unique, and of which we have great reason to feel proud.

With fraternal regards, etc.,

J. J. F. NOORDZIEK,
Grand Secretary.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 9, 1868.

R.W. Brother Winslow Lewis, chairman of the committee appointed to draft and present resolutions on the decease of

R.W. Brother Simon W. Robinson, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, presented the following, which were unanimously adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased : —

Another of the members of the former years, an active participant and sharer in the fortunes of this Grand Lodge in its days of trial, and who was spared to behold its uprise and prosperity, has attained his higher degree of immortality, — the great elevation from earth to heaven.

Our late Past Grand Master, Simon Wiggin Robinson, was one beloved and respected by his Brethren ; one not endowed by brilliant qualities of mind and education, but the possessor of a heart filled with useful and generous qualities. There is a natural tendency which we all feel, on occasions of this kind, to pass the limits of judicial accuracy in our tributes to the memory of those whom we honored and loved while living, and of whom we have been bereft. We do not scrupulously measure the works of kindness which flow from a full heart, struck with a personal and associated sorrow. I think, however, that I do not fall into this natural and pardonable error, when I say that, all things considered, we have lost one of the most faithful and kind Brothers ever called to the chair of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

His Masonic career and relations are known to us all, and need not be recapitulated here. His characteristics for sterling good sense, fidelity, and truth are engraven on our hearts, and will be held in our memories. Let our records show that these are there engrossed, and therefore I move that the following resolution be entered in our annals, and a copy transmitted to his family : —

Whereas, it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from us our late beloved Past Grand Master, Simon Wiggin Robinson, —

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, in common with the officers and members of the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, have sustained, by the decease of their late venerable associate, a loss of a devoted and faithful Brother, whose life has been conse-

crated to the duties of the good man, brother and citizen. He was a zealous friend and supporter of our Order in every department, whose amiable personal qualities and virtues endeared him to all, and constitute the character of a truly worthy man.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 10, 1869.

R.W. Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis offered the following:—

I desire to present to this Grand Lodge a memorial which will *always permanently and gratefully* recall to all its members the lineaments of one of its best sons,—one whose face is but an exponent of his generous heart.

This is a marble bust of R.W. Bro. William Sutton, by an Italian artist, to be placed so as to meet the eyes of all who may here congregate, and to remind every Brother that this is SUTTON HALL, and that here particularly should be engendered and diffused those principles which have ever been the guides and prompters of deeds which shall never be forgotten by any Masonic son of Massachusetts.

On motion, this was referred to W. Bro. John A. Goodwin, and R.W. Brothers G. W. Warren and Charles W. Moore, with full power to select a suitable place in the Masonic Temple for the bust.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 9, 1869.

R.W. Bro. John A. Goodwin, in behalf of the committee appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to select a place in the Masonic Temple for the bust of R.W. Bro. William Sutton, made the following report, which was accepted.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Massachusetts:—*

Your committee, appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to select a place in the Masonic Temple for the bust of our R.W. Bro. William Sutton, have performed that duty, and here

with present their work for inspection, trusting that as it is viewed from the South, the West, and the East, and tried with the Plumb, the Level, and the Square, it will be found that the Craftsmen have done their duty.

In commencing their labors your committee found so many eligible localities that they had difficulty in agreeing upon the most desirable place; but at length they were unanimous in the conclusion that Sutton Hall was the proper apartment to be adorned with the *effigies* of him whose name it bears. We further concluded that its place should be near the right of the oriental chair, so that, in turning towards that centre of authority, the Brethren should forever behold among its supporters this counterfeit presentment, as they long have seen, and trust for many, *many* years still to see, the manly form and beaming countenance of the original.

The fact that your committee found several good positions for this beautiful sculpture should be very suggestive to the Fraternity. We have, in our circle, many Brothers whose store of corn, wine, and oil has been abundantly increased, and who are in the enjoyment of the legitimate reward of work well performed, and obligations faithfully observed.

To such we commend the liberal example of R.W. Bro. Winslow Lewis, who has contributed this fine work of art for the double purpose of ornamenting our Temple, and commemorating the Masonic virtues of a distinguished Brother. Our Grand Lodge, in its Masonic affluence, has many on its rolls worthy of like honor. The well-known modesty of the donor in the present case prevents us from naming one of the most prominent.

In all ages of civilization, respect and gratitude for eminent merit have found expression through painting and sculpture. Thus have been preserved not merely the form and features of the great and good, but also the example of their lives. Heroes, scholars, and philanthropists, whose very names would soon have passed from common recollection, have, through the portrait and statue, continued to teach successive generations, and have for centuries led the world to emulate their virtues.

We all vividly remember our former Temple on this site, swept

away so recently by conflagration. In its Corinthian Hall, as we gazed on that long line of portraits, bringing us face to face with each of our Past Grand Masters, from Henry Price and Joseph Warren down, how we felt the influence of their characters! We seemed to be sharing their labors, and following their leadership. We forgot the passing generations, and remembered only the spirit of Masonry, that knows nothing of time, and triumphs over the grave.

This was our *Valhalla*, and here our heroes lived and kindly looked down on us, who humbly toiled on our way toward that celestial degree which so many of them had attained. Since those faces have disappeared, the influences of the place have been weakened, and the perpetuity of our Order less visibly felt.

May we not trust that private generosity will soon restore that long series of portraits, representing the links in our "apostolic succession," so that when we come up to our Temple, we may once more feel the magnetic presence of those worthy leaders, who laid deep and strong the foundations of our Grand Lodge, who carefully guided it in the days of its early prosperity, and in the time of adversity remained true to their charge,—"faithful among the faithless found"?

This benefaction of R.W. Bro. Lewis, in placing before us the life-like bust of one who in nearly all the subordinate positions of trust and labor has so long adorned Masonry; whose presence has been so constant a pleasure to us, and whose munificence in the decoration and equipment of this hall named in his honor,—is well calculated to stimulate others to like presentations.

May the Craft, who have learned so many noble lessons from Past Grand Master Lewis, mark well the instruction he now gives. Let the pencil and the chisel of the artist be liberally employed, and as the canvas glows and the marble warms into the semblance of life, our Temple shall become not only the Mecca to which we make our periodical pilgrimages from all sections of our Commonwealth, but it shall also be the *Pantheon* of Masonry, where the features of those whom our Order loves

to honor as its guardians and guides shall become familiar to our eyes, while their bright Masonic virtues are more and more deeply engraved on our hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. GOODWIN,
G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
CHARLES W. MOORE.

Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis offered the following, which was adopted unanimously, all rising : —

That this Grand Lodge sends its fraternal remembrance to the venerable Brother, the R.W. Thomas Tolman, in this the closing period of his long and useful labors in behalf of the Order, with the assurance that his memory will be ever cherished by his Brethren, and their prayers will be that his last end may be peace.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 8, 1870.

EXTRACT FROM GRAND MASTER GARDNER'S ADDRESS.

To the long list of departed Brethren must now be added the name of R.W. Brother John Hews, who died at Cambridge, on the 15th of March last, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He received Masonic light in St. John's Lodge, Boston, about 1820, and in 1844 was elevated to the station of Junior Grand Warden. During the bitter storm of anti-Masonic fanaticism, he nobly sustained the Society whose interest he had early espoused.

At the time of his decease he was a member of Amicable Lodge, of Cambridge, and an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, Boston. The Brethren of these Lodges attended his funeral at Mount Auburn. A delegation of the Grand Lodge was also in attendance ; and Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, who had long been associated with Brother Hews, delivered an interesting and affecting address. Thus, Brethren, one after another of the war-worn veterans of our Grand Lodge are passing away.

LETTER FROM DR. LEWIS TO R.W. JOHN T. HEARD.

This letter relates to the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge on the question of the title of Anthony Browne, Viscount Montague, of which Brother Lewis was a member. Brother Heard received this letter while in London.

Boston, June 28, 1870.

DEAR BRO. HEARD : — Your document [inscriptions on monuments of Viscount Montague, etc.] has been received. I am glad that the matter is duly and forever settled, although my convictions were, from its incipency, that Montacute was “no-where;” and that the common derivation of the name led to the mistake.

“Mais revenons à nous moutons.” Cannot you find time in your wanderings to send a report as chairman? It may be very brief, for if it is left to me it will be *tremendously* so.

It is so hot here, thermometer 94°, that “reading, writing and arithmetics” cannot be done; so, although I could pen “lots,” my fingers stick to the paper with perspiration. Wishing you all health and safe return to your ten thousand friends, and my regards to your “surroundings.”

Yours fraternally and everlastingly,

WINSLOW LEWIS.

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 13, 1871.

EXTRACT FROM GRAND MASTER GARDNER'S ADDRESS.

AUTOGRAPHS.

The following valuable autographic signatures have been presented to the Grand Lodge by R.W. Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis : —

I. Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

HENRY PRICE.
THOMAS OXNARD.
JOHN ROWE.

JOHN ABBOTT.
JOHN SOLEY.
JOSEPH JENKINS.

JAMES WEBB.
 JOHANNES WARREN.
 M. M. HAYS.
 JOHN CUTLER.
 PAUL REVERE.
 JOSIAH BARTLETT.
 SAMUEL DUNN.
 ISALAH THOMAS,
Grand Master.
 TIMOTHY BIGELOW.
 BENJAMIN RUSSELL.
 FRANCIS J. OLIVER.
 SAMUEL P. P. FAY.
 JOHN DIXWELL.

ELIJAH CRANE.
 JOSEUA B. FLINT.
 PAUL DEAN.
 CALEB BUTLER.
 AUGUSTUS PRABODY.
 S. W. ROBINSON.
 E. A. RAYMOND.
 GEO. M. RANDALL.
 WINSLOW LEWIS.
 JOHN T. HEARD.
 WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE.
 WILLIAM PARKMAN.
 CHARLES C. DAME.

II. Distinguished Masons and Men of Massachusetts.

THADDEUS M. HARRIS.
 HENRY PURKITT.
 WILLIAM BENTLEY.
 CHARLES WELLS.
 ROBERT G. SHAW.
 P. SPRAGUE.
 FRANCIS BAYLIES.

THOMAS POWERS.
 JOSEPH EVERETT.
 NATHANIEL P. BANKS.
 MARSHALL P. WILDER.
 C. R. TRAIN.
 C. HUDSON.
 HENRY J. GARDNER.

III. Other Distinguished Masons.

B. FRANKLIN, G.M.
Pennsylv'a.
 DEWITT CLINTON.
 EDWARD LIVINGSTON.
 J. R. POINSETT.
 H. CLAY.
 DAVID HENSHAW.
 ROBERT P. DUNLAP.

LEWIS CASS.
 G. M. DALLAS.
 J. BROOKS.
 W. B. HUBBARD.
 B. B. FRENCH,
G. G. Recorder.
 ALBERT G. MACKAY.
 W. TANNEBEK.

Also the circular of Grand Master Thomas, issued in 1805, appointing Benjamin Gleason Grand Lecturer, signed by

ISALAH THOMAS, *Grand Master.*
 SIMON ELLIOT, *Deputy G. Master.*
 JOSEPH LAUGHTON, *Senior G. Warden.*
 JOHN SOLEY, *Junior G. Warden.*

[Attested by]

THAD. M. HARRIS,
Grand Corresponding Secretary.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1871.

FESTIVAL COMMUNICATION.

SPEECH OF R.W. PAST GRAND MASTER WINSLOW LEWIS.

MOST WORSHIPFUL : — I came to this assembly designing not to say a single word. I have been so much overcome by the spirit, whether of the occasion or of something else, I will not say which, that I am really somewhat embarrassed, and therefore you will pardon me, and it will be gratefully received, when I say that I will not speak perhaps more than forty or fifty words.

The occasion of my entrance into the Institution has been well and truthfully stated, but my continuance in the Institution I can narrate as a constant attendant of all the Masonic organizations in Massachusetts. I think that *pari passu* with Brother Moore (if I can use that phrase in regard to one whose long stride oversteps me infinitely), it has been my almost daily habit for forty years to visit the Grand Lodge apartments, whether in a very humble place in School street, where the Grand Secretary had no other accommodations than a broken three-legged stool, or in this beautiful Temple. I have never professed any power of making a connected speech, but the greatest satisfaction of my life has been derived from that Institution, which, on the present occasion, commemorates the rise, and the appropriate rise, of one of the members, and a Past Master of the Lodge which bears my humble name. If I ever generated anything in my whole life, except my own legitimate children — (loud laughter) — speaking physiologically, I will not say pathologically; in short, if I had any power in my productive capacity, it has exhibited itself most wonderfully in the presentation of the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In that respect I confess my strong procreative power (laughter and applause); and when I see this table, surrounded by the members of that Lodge as stewards, the exponents of that humble name, I think it becomes me to sit down satisfied. Truly, I am ready to relinquish life from this very moment. I have fulfilled my task, and if my life is spared any longer it will be only to dwindle into an

expression of the infirmities of old age. My limbs are tottering, my brain flags, but my Masonic heart and soul will be the last lingering remains of my existence, and when I die—and that time must soon come—written on my heart will be Masonry! Freemasonry! and the Lodge that bears my humble name! This may be almost the last tribute that I shall pay to Masonry,—an Institution which has developed in me kindly feelings and charitable deeds. I hope and believe indeed all that can be imputed to me of good in my social life, I derived solely and wholly from the Masonic Institution. Let me say as a parting, and it may be the last parting, word,—May that Institution from which I have derived so much benefit continue to bless you all as I have been blessed. [Loud applause.]

REMARKS OF DR. LEWIS, OCT. 10, 1872, IN ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF R.W. CHARLES W. MOORE IN THAT LODGE.

Dr. Lewis was introduced in the following words:—

The Right Worshipful WINSLOW LEWIS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, — our venerable Brother, the mention of whose name is an inspiration on a Masonic occasion, has paid life-long court to science, the arts and elegant literature. At the shrine of Masonry he has worshipped with fond devotion, winning her choicest honors, and, above all, the love and admiration of Masons.

Dr. Lewis arose amid great applause, the Germanias playing "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot," and responded as follows.

ADDRESS.

I dare not trust my voice nor my feelings at this meeting, alone, but must employ my eyes, also, to assist my feeble effort. I shall not falsify by saying, then, that I am called unexpectedly for a few words on this very memorable occasion; for my deep, long, and most intimate relations with the recipient of your

affectionate regards for so extended a period, demand the warmest expressions from both my lips and heart.

For forty-four years we have trod together with an almost unparalleled harmony and fraternal love. He has, by his intellectual stride, distanced me and his contemporaries, and left us far behind in the paths and pursuits of sound Masonic sense and Masonic logic. To me he has been counsellor, guide, philosopher and friend. He has restrained my mercurial, wandering, erratic propensities, and often my visionary schemes, and set me on my feet when tottering and straying. [Laughter.] The great historic friendships of the past, which have been the themes of both sacred and profane writers, are ennobling and touching; but David and Jonathan, Damon and Pythias, and the many other noble friendships of which we have record, afford no better illustration of the power of attached hearts than is found in, as it were, the wedded, fraternal lives of Brother Moore and myself. Of temperaments quite diverse, still there has been no jarring. Like the Voltaic pile, the movement and the effect have been produced by the contact of two elements of opposite qualities, and have resulted in the life-going, soul-inspiring vitalization of our long-continued assimilation.

During this long period of our Siamese connection [laughter] there has been scarcely a day that we have not met, and many nights have borne the same witness to our continued union at the assemblages for Masonic labor or Masonic refreshment. In this latter part of our Institution we have both excelled, but here I was ever pre-eminent. [Renewed merriment.] These social symposia elevated our hearts as well as cheered the inferior functions. From these I ever arose refreshed and renovated. He has had to succumb to dyspepsia and its attendants. In this inferior department he is nowhere; but I, uprisen on the delightful emergency, have been better for the contingency. *Similia similibus curantur*; but never, in my case, by homœopathic bulb.

Time has swept away the companions of our early manhood in this Lodge. Their memories are ever green in our souls and

precious in our hearts. Though not a member of the Lodge St. Andrew, *de jure*, still, *de facto*, I have had, for many, many years, all the privileges of one, as regards its continued hospitality and kindness. My punctuality in response to your invitations on occasions such as these has been wonderfully persistent.

So, dear Brother Moore, we have had a long, pleasant, endeared journey for forty-four years. We must soon part, and we can well repeat the old lines of the poet, with fervency and with grateful hearts : —

“ When we at last shall have thrown off this frail covering,
Which we have worn for threescore years and ten,
On the brink of the grave we will not stand hovering,
Nor our threads wish to spin o'er again.
But our face in the glass we'll serenely survey,
And with smiles count each wrinkle and furrow,
As these worn-out staffs, which are threadbare to-day,
May become everlasting to-morrow.”

And let us drink, with honest clasp, to one reciprocal sentiment, — That the golden chain which has so long connected us may continue unbroken until separated by the fiat of death. [Loud applause.]

[From Grand Lodge Records.]

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1872.

The Committee on the Library submitted the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on the Library have not made any report for the last few years, as no works have been purchased, for reasons assigned by the committee at the time of their last statement; but this year they have the satisfaction to announce to the Grand Lodge that it is indebted to the most prominent member of the Body, for labors in behalf of the library, which

have eventuated in reducing from a chaotic state a most complete series of the Proceedings of all the Grand Lodges of the United States. The devotion of his time to this purpose, in addition to his great official engagements and duties, the large correspondence required to insure a completion of the task, and the patience evinced by our distinguished Brother, demand the gratified acknowledgment of the whole constituency. And your committee are especially under obligations to him, for doing that which they have never been able to effect. They rejoice that in their Grand Master there has been found a bright combination of executive, financial and literary ability, which entitles him to the proud distinction of the *Primus inter pares* of the occupants of the Oriental Chair of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

For the Committee,

WINSLOW LEWIS.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 10, 1873.

Dr. Lewis submitted the following

REPORT.

The committee [Dr. Lewis] appointed to communicate to R.W. Brother Charles W. Moore the action of the Grand Lodge in unanimously electing him to the rank and privileges of Honorary Past Grand Master, has attended to the duty assigned him and respectfully reports:—

The announcement of the action of the Grand Lodge for the moment reanimated his dying features and lighted up his fading eyes. With grateful emotion he expressed his benediction to his Brethren, and added that this tribute was worth living for and dying for. He expressed his full consciousness of this last bestowment of the appreciation of his labors, and of the solace thus administered in the last moment of life.

It smoothed his pillow of death, and sweetened the bitter cup of that libation of which we must all sooner or later partake.

WINSLOW LEWIS.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 30, 1873.

The Committee on the Library submitted the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on the Library report that they have been imbecile as to their duties. Their office has been a *sinecure*. By *their* exertions not a single volume has been added, nor has the Bibliography of the Grand Lodge been increased; in short, they have been dormant, lethargic.

But, *mirabile dictu*, while they have slumbered, there was an argus with his hundred eyes watching the interest and the development of the Library; and in the person of our Supreme Head, notwithstanding his pressing official duties, he has labored, *mane nocteque*, so persistently, so efficaciously, that he has accumulated a collection unparalleled in its completeness as to Proceedings of Grand Bodies, and really wonderful; and the debt of gratitude to him cannot be expressed by an effort of the pen of your committee. Let "expressive silence muse his praise," and let all the Brethren visit our very enlarged collection, and say of him and his efforts, *Si requires monumentum, circumspice*.

Our M.W. Grand Master is a true man. Take him for all in all we are sceptical if we shall ever meet his like again.

In behalf of the shadows of the Committee of the Library,
WINSLOW LEWIS.

R.W. Winslow Lewis submitted the following report:—

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER RT. REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D.D.

The committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Past Grand Master R.W. George M. Randall would respectfully submit the following report:—

As the public journals, the ecclesiastical and Masonic publications, have paid their deserved tribute to his great worth,

and our Grand Master has added, with great feeling, his appreciation of the eminent ability of our departed Brother, it only remains to the committee to propose suitable resolutions indicative of the love and respect entertained by this Grand Lodge, and their deep-felt regret at the departure of their Past Grand Master and loved Brother, the Rt. Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., Bishop of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming; one who, having attained his high hierarchical dignity, still kept warm his attachment and devotion to our Institution; whose worth was appreciated by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, who tenderly watched his remains, and publicly expressed their sentiments of love and respect.

We shall never forget his noble address, at the banquet of 1871, on the "Immortality of Freemasonry."

Resolved, That the close of such a life is most deeply felt and deplored, particularly in this jurisdiction over which he had presided with such efficiency; yet, in our grief, there comes to our hearts a solemn joy that such an end has rounded and made perfect the story of such a life.

Resolved, That we bear our testimony to his faithfulness and great executive ability as our Grand Master, to his high characteristics as a man, a Brother, a Christian; and that there is nothing to mar the estimate or dim the lustre of his character.

Resolved, That he has left to us his bright name and fame to add to the galaxy of those stars which have irradiated our Masonic firmament.

Resolved, That we tender to the family our warmest, deepest sympathies in this bereavement. May they be sustained by the influences of the teachings of the departed, and by the assurance that a lasting reunion awaits them hereafter.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
Committee.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 29, 1874.

R.W. Winslow Lewis, Senior Past Grand Master, in behalf of Winslow Lewis Lodge, presented Past Grand Master Sereno

Dwight Nickerson a Past Grand Master's jewel, and addressed him in the words following :—

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER :— The members of the Lodge, of which you have been the honored head, have deemed it an appropriate occasion, publicly, before the assembled Grand Lodge, to make a demonstration of their love and approbation; first, by their presence, and also by the presentation of a memorial, indicative and symbolical of the office which you have so ably filled.

The Lodge Room should be the place for the bestowing the badge of a Worshipful Master; but the Grand East of a Grand Lodge should be the scene of that respect due to one vacating the Throne of Solomon.

I have been selected to the pleasing distinction of being the conveyancer of their tribute, on account of my peculiar relation to the Lodge, and to the humble name it bears.

In the palmier days, now so long past, I could, perhaps, have expressed some bright ideas, delivered really *viva voce*, and without hesitation. But now, alas! I must use my feeble pen and trembling tongue to express thoughts that should breathe and words that should burn. But the apology is before you, in the person of old age and its attendant infirmities.

Right Worshipful, you will be the recipient of two sets of jewels: one, representing the vitalized diamonds of the hearts of those with whom you are so nearly and dearly associated, the real, most sparkling, most valued diamonds with which to decorate your heart, all of the purest water, polished by the Grand Architect of the universe, set in golden affections, radiant with that expression which no gem can ever attain.

And now I affix to your breast a beautiful work of art, the gathered offering of your valued Brothers. It is but of carbon as its basis; but, passing through the furnace of science, it now sparkles and radiates consonant with its increased value, beauty, and excellence. It now symbolizes somewhat that ardent, enduring regard which will ever attend you, as our Brother, friend, and most cherished companion.

Semper honores, nomenque tuum, laudesque manebunt. Serus in cœlum redeas, diuque lætus intersis populo.

IN GRAND LODGE, March 10, 1875

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial for the Records upon the death of R.W. John Flint, M.D., Past Grand Warden, made report as follows : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF DR. FLINT.

Death steals upon us with inaudible steps, and thins our numbers in every relation of life ; takes from our domestic hearths our hearts' treasures, and in the wider spheres of society makes his inroads on associations hallowed by friendship.

“ Here Brother follows Brother
From sunset to the sunless land.”

We have been called to pay our tribute of respect and regard to the memory of one long endeared by his fraternal connection with this Grand Lodge, R.W. Brother Dr. John Flint.

Of our departed Brother, whose life presented no striking, emphatic incidents, whose career was noiseless and undemonstrative, but effective in good to those who committed their health to his care, but few words will suffice.

He received an academic education at Leicester, but never a classical one. His medical degree was conferred by Harvard College. He commenced practice in this city, and continued his professional devotion until his death.

There are individuals, not much known beyond the limits of the community in which they live, whose loss falls heavily on many hearts ; whose eulogy, however brief, comes mingled with regrets from the lips of all who knew them, and speaks only what they feel. It is surely thus we experience the departure of one thus esteemed, not for eminent intellectual power, but, transcending this, for his goodness, which is true greatness. “ He gave himself to his profession, and was rarely absent from his duties,” fulfilling the one condition essential to the best kind of success, and thus acquired the confidence which is reposed only in the practitioner who lives almost entirely for his sacred duties.

His long and intimate connection with the Masonic Institu-

tion, his varied official positions, are well known and appreciated. He has presided over Lodge, Chapter (both Subordinate and Grand), Commandery, and Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and, as Past Grand Warden, was a permanent member of this Grand Lodge. He has ever retained the regard and respect of his Brethren, and has departed full of years and left the record of a well-spent life.

Resolved, That with a deep sense of our bereavement by the death of our late Brother the R.W. Dr. John Flint, we would testify our respect to his memory by placing on record the acknowledgment that he has left on our hearts the impress of a good man and Brother, an example of a life well spent and rounded to an honorable close.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
ABRAHAM A. DAME,
WILLIAM H. THOMES,
Committee.

The following are the letters of the Commander and Recorder of De Molay Commandery, referred to in the report of the committee, on page 142:—

Boston, Aug. 18, 1875.

ESTEEMED SIR KNIGHT:—Your communication, concerning the resolutions in honor of the memory of our beloved Brother and Sir Knight Winslow Lewis, M.D., was duly received. This season of the year, when so many are absent from the city, occasioned the delay till now in my reply.

Of one so well known and so universally beloved it would be only reiteration for me to express any words in his well-deserved praise.

In mortal life though nearly fourscore years, in heart and sentiment he was always twenty-one. He never lost a friend. He was ever cheerful, hopeful, and buoyant. It was a great privilege to enjoy his presence and company, where was ever to be found agreeable and intellectual enjoyment. He was a

wise counsellor and a safe guide. He was one of very few who knew how to, and who did, grow old gracefully.

Enclosed you will please find the mem. desired regarding the date of his honorary membership with De Molay Encampment and Commandery of Knights Templars, whose every member loved him dearly, and will cherish his sweet memory forever.

Sir Knight Phippen, our Recorder, has added an interesting incident, connecting our dear departed brother affectionately with De Molay.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN M. CLARK,
Commander De Molay Commandery.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD:—

DEAR SIR,—Winslow Lewis was proposed for Honorary Membership in De Molay Encampment, by Sir Knight Alfred B. Ely, at a regular session of the Encampment, May 26, 1858, and was balloted for and accepted, Oct. 27, same year.

He was, at the time, Generalissimo of the Boston Encampment, and one whom the Sir Knights of De Molay Encampment were always glad to welcome within their Asylum, as their warmest friend, and most esteemed Brother Sir Knight.

An incident which occurred at the banquet after the regular session of the Encampment, held March 24, 1858, is a very happy remembrance of him. He, on that occasion, presented to our Encampment a "Dagger of Mercy," so called, which was obtained by him while residing in Italy.

In his remarks, on the presentation, he said, "While residing in Italy, where so good an opportunity presents itself of acquiring interesting memorials of antiquity, and objects of interest, I sought some time in vain for any article once possessed by those Knights who held the Island of Malta from 1523 to almost the present century, and whose history and memory to us should be peculiarly dear. By the kindness and liberality of an English nobleman, near whose palace I resided, I was presented with the 'dagger,' which you will now please to accept

from me, as a slight testimonial of my regard to my Brother Sir Knights of De Molay Encampment. Its hilt is enamelled, and on it is a little view of the Fortress. The blade was eaten by rust, but has been very well restored to almost its original brightness.

"There is an old adage, that the presentation of knives cuts friendship, but I know this dagger will do no injury to, or diminish the active vitality of, that good will which it is hoped will ever cement us together.

"May its sharp point but symbolize that perforating influence of friendship which shall reach to our warmest hearts, driven up to its very hilt by the almighty force of the best energies of our nature, and wielded by the 'Lion's Paw' of every true Sir Knight."

The Eminent Commander, in accepting the gift, very feelingly alluded to our benefactor, as constantly shedding light around him, with peace, good will and joy from his great heart, and who has always been, and always will be, beloved by every Sir Knight of De Molay Commandery.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE PHIPPEN, JR.,
Recorder De Molay Commandery.

Letter from the W. Master of Somerset Lodge referred to on page 141:—

NORWICH, CONN., Sept. 15, 1875.

JOHN T. HEARD, Esq.:—

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Your favor of August 25th came duly to hand, but owing to business engagements and absence I have delayed answering until now, and I take pleasure in giving you the facts relative to the connection of Bro. Winslow Lewis with Somerset Lodge. In consequence of services rendered and courtesy shown to Somerset Lodge and its members by Bro. Lewis, he was, on the 15th of February, 1871, elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge; he being the only Brother ever so honored, and the Lodge feeling that they were

more honored by his acceptance. An engrossed testimonial was sent Bro. Lewis, which, I am informed by Bro. C. W. Carter, 33°, who has visited Bro. Lewis recently, is hanging in the study of the latter, and can no doubt be seen by you. Bro. Lewis, on receipt of the testimonial, wrote a letter to Somerset Lodge, accepting it, a copy of which I transmit herewith. The Masonic Fraternity have met with a severe loss in the death of this eminent Brother; and Somerset Lodge, desiring to place upon record an expression of her appreciation of his many virtues, has engrossed upon her records a series of resolutions, a copy of which I enclose. In concluding, I would express the sympathy felt by our Brethren for the Brethren of Massachusetts, in the loss of one so honored; and I trust that in the hereafter the wish of Bro. Lewis may be realized, that we meet "face to face."

With the deepest respect, I am, sir,

Yours truly and fraternally,

B. H. ROGERS,

W.M. Somerset Lodge No. 34.

Letter of Dr. Lewis acknowledging the receipt of the honorary testimonial conferred upon him by Somerset Lodge: —

Boston, July 15, 1871.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND BRETHREN: — Having been absent from the city I did not receive your beautiful testimonial until yesterday. I cannot find words with which to express all that my heart feels for such a manifestation of your fraternal kindness and regard, and I shall think more of myself and feel prouder that I have done anything to merit such an expression. Dear Brethren, accept my warmest thanks for your gift. As a specimen of calligraphy, it has an artistic value; but as it bears the record that you have honored me with a Brotherly affiliation, its appreciation is duly felt. Trusting that I may be enabled to meet you all "face to face,"

Yours respectfully and most fraternally,

WINSLOW LEWIS.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE OF SOMERSET LODGE TO DR. LEWIS.

Whereas, We have received the sad intelligence of the death of Illustrious Brother Winslow Lewis, M.D., of Boston, Past Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and an Honorary Member of this Lodge, —

Resolved, That, in the death of Bro. Winslow Lewis, the Masonic Fraternity of the United States have lost a bright and shining light; Massachusetts a diamond from her Crown Jewels; and this Lodge its only Honorary Member.

Resolved, That we mourn the loss of one who was distinguished at home and abroad for his learning, his kindness of heart, his moral excellence and rare social qualities, which, together, made him pre-eminent above others.

Resolved, That the foregoing be placed upon the records of Somerset Lodge No. 34 F. and A. M., as a memorial to his memory.

The above resolutions were adopted, and ordered placed upon the records of Somerset Lodge No. 34, at a Communication held Sept. 1, 1875.

B. H. ROGERS,
Worshipful Master.

Letter from Kane Lodge, of New York, to Dr. Lewis, accompanying the honorary testimonial referred to on page 140: —

NEW YORK, March 10, 1875.

Most Worshipful WINSLOW LEWIS, M.D., Boston, Mass.: —

HONORED SIR AND VERY DEAR BROTHER, — I am happy to present you the accompanying certificate of membership of Kane Lodge, over which I have the honor to preside. You are well known, and dearly loved, by many of the members, while all delight thus to honor you, knowing full well that Kane Lodge itself will be still more honored by the addition of the name of one so illustrious among the Craft. As the sun in the

West at the close of day is oftentimes most glorious in its setting, shedding abroad a beauteous, mellowing light, so may it be with you in this the evening of your long, useful and honorable life, which, I pray God, may be as free from care and trouble as when in infancy it first took on its gladsome morning.

Affectionately and fraternally yours,

IRAH CHASE,
Master.

The papers which follow have been received by the committee since the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and are added to the documents then presented. They furnish most valuable and interesting testimony of the profound regard and earnest love felt for Dr. Lewis by his Brethren, who were so intimately connected with him.

PROCEEDINGS OF KANE LODGE, ON THE DEATH OF DR. LEWIS, AT ITS REGULAR COMMUNICATION, SEPTEMBER 21, 1875.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4, 1875.

HON. JOHN T. HEARD:—

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER,—The death of R.W. Winslow Lewis, M.D., was duly announced at our last Regular Communication. I send you a full account of our proceedings on that occasion. The resolutions, when properly prepared, will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge, and to the family of the deceased. I shall be pleased to receive a copy of the memoriam of our distinguished Brother, whenever it is published.

Believe me, very truly and fraternally yours,

IRAH CHASE,
Master.

109 Mercer Street, New York.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE OF KANE LODGE TO DR. LEWIS, IN
REGULAR COMMUNICATION, SEPT. 21, 1875.

After the usual preliminary ceremonies, the W. Bro. Irah Chase, Master, made the following address:—

BRETHREN OF KANE LODGE:— It has frequently, I am sorry to say, been my sad duty, since occupying this place, to announce to you the death of one and another of our members, active with us in the labors and work of our Lodge; but never before have I been called upon to make a sadder announcement than that I now make.

But a few months ago it was my pleasure to present the name of one of the most distinguished of Masons as an Honorary Member of Kane Lodge. He was duly elected; the certificate of membership was handed to him, by my own hand, in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Boston. In June last past he was invited to be present here during the week of the dedication of the Temple in New York, and during my illness and absence you had the pleasure of greeting him within these walls, of looking upon that venerable man, and of giving to him a hearty Masonic welcome.

Right Worshipful Winslow Lewis, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of Massachusetts, is dead. I had known him from my boyhood only to honor and to love him; and when he left the Lodge-room and your kind greetings, he hastened to my bedside, and, putting his arms around my neck, gave me a kiss of fraternal love. It was not the first time that I had been the recipient of such tokens of kindness from him. While abroad, three years since, hearing that he was at the Charing Cross Hotel, in London, I went there, and, giving the alarm at the door of his room, he met me, and there greeted me in a similar manner. That was an expression of the tenderness of that dear, good old man's heart—as tender as a woman in his love, and as kind in all his feelings and intercourse with his Brethren. Others will, to-night, speak in memory of our venerable Brother. It is my duty to make the announcement, and I am

grieved and pained to do so. Sometimes, Brethren, when God speaks, man should keep silent. I cannot add a word to extol the character of the great physician, whose fame was world-renowned; of the noble man, whose life was pure and spotless, and who labored, perhaps, more earnestly than any other man to promote and advance the interests of Masonry, not only in his own State, but in all this country and throughout the entire Fraternity.

I was advised of his death and funeral, and sickness alone prevented my hastening to join the long procession that followed him to his last, long home, beneath the shades of Mount Auburn. No man that ever lived in Boston has received so general an expression of regard; nor was there ever so large a private funeral as that of our Right Worshipful Brother, who was so recently laid away in the silent grave.

Such a life as his, my Brethren, should be an example to every man and Mason to walk uprightly before God and man, that his life may be worthy of the emulation of the Brethren. Our Brother has left us a name unsullied; he has left us a life of usefulness and worth. Long, long years may roll away, but his name will be treasured as one of the brightest and best upon the scroll of our Fraternity. No nobler column was ever broken; no man or Mason was ever mourned more deeply or sincerely than he by the Grand Lodge over which he once presided with such dignity, and by the entire Fraternity throughout the country; I might say by the entire Fraternity abroad, for he was well known, and known only to be loved and honored there.

I have requested our Right Worshipful Brother Charles Roome to prepare resolutions to be presented upon this occasion, to which your attention is invited.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY R.W. BRO. CHARLES ROOME.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: I respectfully offer the following:—

Whereas, Kane Lodge, No. 454, has learned that our venerable and Right Worshipful Brother Winslow Lewis, M.D., has been called to his final rest; and,

Whereas, Admiring our departed friend and Brother for his estimable qualities as a man, loving him for his zealous devotion to the Craft, and his shining example of its brightest and purest teachings, we will place upon our records this tribute to his memory.

Resolved, That while in the death of Bro. Winslow Lewis the Institution of Freemasonry has lost one who was a Corinthian column in its mystic Temple, an adept whose every word and deed betokened an upright man, a sincere friend, a devoted Mason and a loving Brother; while we have lost one whose presence in our midst afforded us the highest honor, and the inscription of whose name on our roll of Honorary Membership will ever be to us a source of pride — still, when we consider his useful and well-rounded life, passing the limit assigned to man, with all his faculties unimpaired, and as a faithful servant ready to obey the summons of the Divine Master, we feel that tears are out of place, and that, in view of his grand life and triumphant death, we should rejoice in his reward, and, following his enfranchised spirit to the foot of the Throne, join with him in saying: "For He is good, for his mercy endureth forever."

Resolved, That while, in common with all who knew him, we shall miss his genial presence, the warm grasp of his friendly hand, the wise and loving counsel ever at the disposal of his Brethren, our faith bids us indulge in no regrets, but rather so to keep his memory, so to follow his example, that we, too, may welcome the sound of the "passing bell" as the summons to rejoin him in the presence of the Infinite.

Resolved, That in this spirit we tender to the Grand Lodge, of which he was so honored a member, to his immediate family, friends and Brethren, our loving remembrance of one whom to know was a title of distinction and honor.

May we die the death of the righteous, and may our last end be like his.

Resolved, That these resolutions be engrossed and properly attested by the officers of this Lodge, and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and to the family of our deceased Brother.

REMARKS OF BRO. JAMES HALL, S.W.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER : — I rise to second the resolutions offered by Worshipful Brother Roome, and feel that I can add but very little to the eloquent remarks that have already been made by our Worshipful Master. It has, however, been my good fortune to know Brother Lewis from my first experience in Masonry. He was present at my raising. The very sight of the Brother, his honored, reverend gray hairs in the East gave a dignity which perhaps could not otherwise have been realized by a newly raised candidate. From the very first day of my full admission to the Blue Lodge I formed a friendship for him. Whenever Brother Lewis was in town I always sought him or he sought me. There was that in his presence, in his life, his history, and his associations that dignified all positions that he held. As a scientific man, one eminent in his profession, one who had dedicated his life to all the better interests of his fellow-man, and one who has done so much to ennoble and to raise the standard of Masonry, we owe him a debt not easy to pay. It is true that we cannot, perhaps, shed tears when one who is so ripe in virtue, and so ready to fall, passes away ; but I hope that the teachings of his life may be ever deeply impressed upon every Mason, and make us feel that it is well that he has lived.

REMARKS OF BRO. JOHN H. WHITE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER : — I do not rise for the purpose of adding any words to those that have been so truthfully and well said, but for the purpose of making an *addendum* to the resolutions by way of a motion. I well recollect, Worshipful Master, the evening when Brother Lewis was received in these rooms. It was during the time of the last Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York ; and, as I understood, he came here to the city not only to attend the dedication services of the Temple, but likewise to meet the Brethren of Kane Lodge on that occasion. I well recollect the few remarks that he made, the advice that he gave ; and I think I

should do no injustice to any man living to say that in the ranks of his profession as a physician, and in the ranks of Masonry, he had not his peer. As Brother Hall has remarked, he died honored and full of years, and thus it is that we part with him perhaps with not those deep regrets that we would if he had been in the less mature years of his life.

When I rose, Worshipful Master, it was for the purpose of adding to the resolutions another resolution, presuming that the others will be passed; that copies of the resolutions that have been offered by Brother Roome be attested by the officers of this Lodge, under its seal, and be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts, and to the family of the deceased Brother.

REMARKS OF REV. A. B. CARTER, D.D.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER:—I rise to second the resolution of Brother White, and, in doing so, will trespass upon the time of the Lodge but a single moment; for my calling seems to make it necessary that, under such circumstances, perhaps, a word should be spoken; and that single word has been suggested to me by your own remark—a remark which seemed to indicate pain, grief in announcing the death of this good man. But, Worshipful Master, should it be so? Should we grieve, when a good man ends his career here in this world of toil and misery, and sorrow and pain? Great God! what is it from the cradle to the tomb, under its most bright promissings and its most beautiful advancements, but one scene of sorrow and misery and gloom? The only haven we have, the only possible light that can be thrown upon the course of even a good man as he goes along life's way, is that light which comes from above, and which is reflected in his own character and in his own good works, along that road which is to be the common pathway to that same common tomb. Oh, it does strike me sometimes, when I hear these expressions of sadness and of sorrow, when a holy man is laid down to sleep, as if there was something that was almost a misnomer, something hardly within keeping of what would be in our wish, in our desire, supposing that you

could call back such an one from his happy resting-place to commence anew this warfare, this life of toil.

I don't know that it was ever more forcibly brought to my mind than when attending the funeral of one of the most distinguished of our Fraternity a few weeks since, and where we had our own ceremonial, so impressive and beautiful in itself. There was something that struck me there as rather apart from the real truth, in dropping the mystic evergreen, the expression, "Alas, my Brother!" And why *alas*? No, rather "*All hail*, my Brother!" Life's warfare is over. Life's conflicts are past. Life's toils are done. The victory has been gained. The triumph has been won. O Brethren, Brethren, it is to live such lives as that of our departed Brother that Masonry calls upon us to exemplify. It is to lead such lives that we have sworn, solemnly sworn, that we will devote all our energies and the best part of our being. But, oh, is it not, as in the Christian Church, too often the case that we take these vows upon us, and forget them in their practical bearing, almost as soon as they are uttered? We go out into the world, and what is there to distinguish us from other men? What is there to tell the world at large that we are sworn to love one another? Who knows it? What badge do we bear? What is there to indicate that there is one scintillation more of life within our hearts than in that of the common herd who call themselves men? Nay, it is not the language of reproach, but only of earnest entreaty, that we should exemplify more than we do that same beautiful character of this departed Saint of God, who has now been called home. Oh, I have no doubt that if we had seen him in his latter days, in those last hours when the spirit was pluming its wings for its upward flight, that we would have seen Masonry and Religion exemplified there in a beauty and in a fervor which never before, perhaps, had been illustrated in the life of so good a man. For it is then, when the soul stands upon the verge of the other world, and the glowing atmosphere of heaven comes down like celestial beams upon the darkened pathway to the tomb, that all traces of earth are lost, and, like the web of the morning, there is the shaking from its wings of silver and its feathers of gold all taint and dross, that it may the sooner wing

its way to peace and everlasting rest with God. It is, in the hour of trial, in those dark times and seasons when the spirit is troubled, and the whole man becomes bruised under the rod, that these beautiful and lustrous principles will become more beautiful and more brilliant, even as in the Temple service the olive must be bruised before it gives the oil which is to supply the lights which are opposite the altar, burning night and day. It is only as the frankincense is bruised and burned that it emits the sweet incense that is wafted up so graciously to the mercy-seat above. Learn then, from this, that in our intercourse in doing good to others, in illustrating that which we profess, that we must expect to be bruised, to have that which is the correspondent of burning fire oftentimes, to call out the pure and holy virtues of true Masonry. And then, when the time comes, it will not have to be said, "Alas, my Brother!" Upon gathering around the death-bed of such a man, this will be the lighting of all the remainder of his pathway to the tomb. Yes, indeed, the sweet aroma we trust will always remain when he sleeps in the dust.

Pardon me for having detained you.

The resolutions were then adopted.

W.M. CHASE:—As our action to-night is not only the action of Kane Lodge, but in a degree will be a notice due and proper by us as Masons of New York, and as the Grand Lodge is represented by our Right Worshipful Bro. Morrison, I call upon him to say a word in regard to the announcement I have made to you to-night.

REMARKS OF BRO. JAMES E. MORRISON.

WORSHIPFUL SIR, BRETHREN OF KANE LODGE, AND BRETHREN OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY:—A moment ago your Master announced to me that it would be his pleasure to call upon me to speak in behalf of the Masonic Fraternity with reference to the resolutions presented by our Worshipful Bro. Roome. I don't know of a Brother within the sound of my

voice less qualified, for certain reasons, to address you upon these resolutions.

In common with you all, the name of Winslow Lewis, his reputation as a Mason, his services to the Craft, his exalted character as a man, his noble devotion to the principles which vivify Masonry, and make it something more than a mere organization for mutual beneficial purposes,—these have been known, admired and recognized by me in common with the Masonic Craft throughout these United States. Other than this, and his reputation as a physician and a man, I knew little about him. But one incident of my Masonic life—a young life in Masonry—I shall never forget. It was on the occasion of the dedication of the Masonic Temple, to which allusion has been made to-night. It was my duty, as Chairman of the Reception Committee, to meet the delegation from Massachusetts. Among others an old gentleman was presented to me—frail, delicate, feeble, but with the play of humor, of life, and of good human nature about his countenance that made me feel that he was as much of a living man as the younger men who surrounded him. He was presented to me as Bro. Winslow Lewis, and at the Masonic banquet, where I felt it my duty to pay especial attention to the older members of the Craft present, I saw that he was properly seated and properly supplied. Later in the evening the old gentleman came to me, took a card from his pocket, and requested me to write my name and address on it; and the manner in which he did it, and the refined, courteous remark which accompanied the act, impressed themselves upon my mind and memory, and although it was my last association—my first and last association—with him, it will be one that I hope ever to remember.

Brethren, the loss of this man, of this Mason, is indeed a loss to the Masonic fraternity. I have listened with rapt attention, I have listened with eagerness to the beautiful remarks of the Worshipful Master, and to the very eloquent commentary upon the death of our Brother from the lips of the Chaplain of this Lodge. But still I, in my natural manhood, while I feel the loss that Masonry has sustained, while I feel the loss that society has sustained, as a man I must say, with

the Masons who spoke their fitting words over the grave of Winslow Lewis, "Alas, my Brother!" But while the sprig of acacia was dropped, and the natural man in his natural sadness grieved, he did not forget the immortality of that man; he did not forget that there was an identity there; that there was something that would be hereafter; but he, like his great Master, wept — yea, wept over the loss of a Brother. And it is a loss that God, in his providence, alone can fill to the Craft of Massachusetts and to the Craft of these United States.

Worshipful Sir, — you will pardon me if, called upon in this abrupt way, I do not fitly answer to your call; but I say to the Brethren here assembled that we can do nothing more than to strive to emulate the virtues of a great Mason. Let us remember them here to-night, in our own Lodges, in our relations to society, and we can then fittingly appreciate the greatness of his character, the purity of his motives, and the loss which Masonry has sustained. His life was so gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man."

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE OF ROBERT LASH LODGE, CHELSEA.

IN MEMORIAM — WINSLOW LEWIS.

Adopted by Robert Lash Lodge, Sept. 22, A.L. 5875.

The record of a well-spent life is one of the beneficent gifts of Heaven to mortals. Full, rounded years, which, as they have passed, have bestowed their charity and their sweetness upon mankind, cannot lose their force or beauty when he who brightened them has ceased to be. R.W. Winslow Lewis, who has compassed the tides and seas of earthly existence, after all vicissitudes of storm and calm, has reached the shining port of immortality. It is the simple prompting of our warm, though weak human affections, to speak of him as if the earth on which he trod were vacant; as though the wine of life were drawn, and renown and grace were dead. His departure creates, indeed, a

void in the hearts of those to whom his presence and companionship were light and inspiration. Death has brought

“To *us*, the empty room and cot;
To *him*, the heaven's completeness.”

We fondly call him whom the “spoiler” has laid low, our father, our companion, the guide of our hearts, for we lived in the pure atmosphere of his goodness and were warmed by the constant glow of his affections. Should we not almost bemoan him, in the grand breadth of his love, in the outspreading embrace of his humanities, as the brother of mankind? A life like his should hardly be given over to a formal analysis, although its dissection might disclose nothing but the fairest and soundest elements of proportionate beauty and strength. If we glance but for a moment at some of the more apparent and obvious features of the character of our illustrious Brother, our griefs and our praises may be equally justified.

Born at the close of the last century and in the purer days of the republic, Brother Lewis passed his childhood and youth under the public and social influences which had sprung up from the revolution and the adoption of the federal constitution. The best educational facilities of the period were fortunately at his command. He was graduated at Harvard University in 1819, and, choosing the medical profession as his life-pursuit, entered at once upon its appropriate studies, which he followed, at least approximately, to their exhaustion, under the most famous practitioners of England and France, viz., Abernethy and Dupuytren. To such theoretical science as the books afford he added a studious and careful attention to the practice of the most-renowned hospitals and illustrative schools of the profession, and returned to his native land richly armed for his impending conflict with the diseases and accidents of the human frame. His rigid and thoroughly conscientious training and preparation for the responsible duties of his profession were but the natural precursors and antecedents of the honors and successes which awaited him during the many years of his active practice. These honors and successes, although it may not be needful to speak of them here in detail, are of a permanent

character, inasmuch as they embrace not merely the results of an excellent judgment of cases, of insight and appreciation, and of skill in manipulation, but include a clear perception of all the science and technics of the specialties to which he was devoted, as may be seen in the text-books, treatises and translations with which he has enriched the profession.

It was the capital theory of Dr. Lewis, and one which deserves imitation in all the departments of life, that every man should be thoroughly furnished and equipped for any work he might undertake. Inasmuch as the practice of surgery and medicine was his adopted profession, his main effort was undoubtedly to illustrate and magnify this profession. But we should be grossly unjust, if we did not recognize the fact, that his view of the wide expanse of life and duty and of all human interests outside of the limits of his chosen profession, was so clear and comprehensive that he made almost equal preparation for those high public and social duties which are often more important and vital than the narrower duties exacted by any calling or profession. Life to him, even in his early days, was large and genial, and he intended, so far as was in the power of honest endeavor or the compass of a ready brain and a willing heart, to answer all its ends. If his native city should call him, as it often did, to the exercise of his strong judgment and quick perceptions for the maintenance of its rights or the service of its interests, he made himself ready and *was* ready at the call. If society should need his bracing intellect or the graces of his heart, in the cause of the degraded and the fallen, for the elevation of the ignorant and lowly, or the relief of the poor and the suffering, he had gathered the sunshine in his nature, and freely poured it on the dark places which needed the illumination. Not only by studies, but by work, was his life enriched. He opened his mind to all the sciences, and his heart to all the affections. An accomplished scholar in the ancient and modern languages, he revelled in the contemplation and enjoyment of those interlacing yet mysterious links, those hidden connections which seem to bind all languages together, as if there never had been a confusion of tongues. To him, indeed, there seemed no confusion, for he drew from the secret

depths of all the languages which he understood, the same virtues of charity, friendship, and hope for mankind. To his deep research, they were all fountains of one and the same love. Thus the accomplishments of his study and his life became the ornaments of his character, and the culture, which is sometimes a burden, sat upon him like a grace. He moved among men from his entrance into life and society, rightfully bearing their respect, claiming alike the homage of the peers, who knew no nobler manhood, and the worship of the lowly and the poor, who could scarcely deem him less than divine. When, therefore, he died, there was true mourning in all the ranks of his native city, and as he was laid to rest in the peaceful shades of Mount Auburn, and in the close companionship of those whom he had loved, and who had preceded him to the upper sphere, it might be truly said of him as was said of a kindred spirit : —

“Ne’er to the chambers where the mighty rest,
Since their foundation, came a nobler guest;
Nor e’er was to the bowers of bliss conveyed
A fairer spirit, or more welcome shade.”

R.W. Winslow Lewis was to us, as Masons, far more than he could possibly be to the world of the profane. Although we may more fitly muse in silence upon his life, and leave our veneration without expression in the inner circle of our hearts, it may perhaps not be without advantage to the Brethren who shall come after us, to write upon some lasting scroll even the feeblest tribute of our appreciation of this unexampled Brother. It is safe to say, because it is in the sweet and tearful memory of all Masons, and is, moreover, his own warm and emphatic declaration, that at the shrine of this Fraternity, within these walls and around this altar, he had garnered his heart; that here were his truest life and hope; here his noblest aspirations and his highest charities. To others he gave his knowledge, his culture, his good manners, his kindness and his worldly means. But to us he gave *himself*, the inexhaustible grace and sweetness of his soul, the incorruptible purity of his life. It is one of the least of his praises that he filled almost the entire round of the offices and stations to which the judgment and

appreciation of his Brethren from time to time gratefully summoned him. This was but a circumstance of his Masonic life, and was rather his own benediction to his Brethren than their own coronation of *him*. He wore his crown in Masonry by virtue of his own transcendent worth, and not by the suffrages which placed him in office. Had he never filled an official chair he would still have been *Most Worshipful*. Yet inasmuch as the studies and discipline of his life had so well fitted him for the responsibilities and work of Masonry, his Brethren, poetically and practically just, could not refrain from bestowing upon him their corresponding honors. So meekly were these honors borne, and with such "unaffected grace," that they seemed to fit him as easily as his garments. His exercise of the powers and prerogatives of office was so gentle and unobtrusive, that the relation of superior and subordinate faded at once from the thoughts of the Brethren. In the more recent years, after he had completed the full round of mere official station, his presence in the Lodge-room, or at any gathering for Masonic communication, was like a revelation of the spirit of Masonry. He never forgot its full measure of dignity and sobriety. He knew and understood our system in all its philosophical and scientific relations as well as in its ritualistic and practical bearings. Masonry, to his apprehension, was not merely a philosophic or symbolic treatment of great truths, but was a spring of action—a rule and guide of life. It was *personal*, informing the motives, searching the heart and reaching out to all human conduct. If at any time during the present generation the Fraternity of this Commonwealth had been challenged to produce a man who, by the consent of his Brethren, should be presented to the world as an exponent of the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, one tempered to resist all the assaults of adverse criticism, by a voice more nearly unanimous than would have been given to any other, that consent would have fallen upon WINSLOW LEWIS. His Brethren loved him with a reverent and unfailing love, because he never failed to love them. Whether in the solemn Communication, the Convocation or the Assembly, his wisdom, dignity and urbanity were constant and impressive. In the more

social meetings, and amid the festivities of refreshment, his beaming countenance, his radiant features and benignant smile sent rapture into all hearts. His keen and subtle humor and his sometimes extravagant pleasantries of speech were light and life to the table; the sparkle of his conversation was the brightest wine.

What need to say more of him whom every Mason knows by *heart*—the very tie by which this grand Brother was bound to all his Brethren?

ROBERT LASH LODGE, though so young in years, and not the Lodge of his active affiliation, justly and sincerely holds fast to the memory of him who was its earliest Honorary Member. Perhaps the first official action taken by the Lodge after its constitution was the election of Brother Lewis and the other Past Grand Masters of the grand Lodge of Massachusetts as Honorary Members. Our R.W. Brother Lewis was for many years, and especially during the days which tried all true Masonic souls, the warm and intimate friend of our own ROBERT LASH. They had often met in the closest bonds of social intercourse, and communed and resolved for the welfare and, indeed, for the salvation of our ancient Fraternity. Each of them was regarded, even by the enemies of the Craft, as of spotless character and clear integrity; and by each other they were well beloved. When, therefore, a Lodge was formed in this city, bearing the cherished name of ROBERT LASH, and the distinguished subject of our contemplation was elected as one of its Honorary Members, he received his election as a personal honor, and warmly reciprocated the affections of his Chelsea Brethren thus manifested. When his health permitted he was only too happy to offer his welcome presence at our quarterly meetings. Around our social table he shone with the illumination of his best years; and with wit, wisdom and anecdote, enlivened and instructed the Brethren. He often turned, as it seemed with sad regret, to the days of his companionship with ROBERT LASH, whose gentle life and character he held up as a model worthy of all imitation.

So widely extended were the Masonic acquaintance and con-

nections of our departed Brother, that he could hardly concentrate his affection upon a single Lodge.

"No pent-up Utica contracts his powers."

And yet; when present in this small association of Masons, so marked was the manifestation of his regard for *these* Brethren, that it seemed almost as if he knew no others. This circumstance only illustrates the universality of his Masonic kindness; the all-embracing character of his fraternal love.

At length, in the golden twilight of a serene and placid age, our Brother sinks below the horizon of earth, and rises to the purer heights of the immortal life beyond.

The shadow has fallen upon the old Lodge of St. John, in Boston, the Lodge of his affiliation; upon Columbian Lodge, which made him a Mason; and with darker wing upon the Lodge which bears his own beloved name, and to which he was at once a Father and a Brother! To his long-tried associates in the Grand Lodge, to the whole Fraternity of the Commonwealth, and to numerous Lodges and Masonic Bodies beyond its limits and even in distant lands, his departure will bring a profound sorrow. But the sorrow is not without its cheer. Memory, faithful and efficient beyond the resources of art or science, will embalm him in the universal heart. For is not this great life an assured inheritance and joy forever?

"These shall swim after death, with their good deeds shining on their white shoulders."

RESOLUTIONS OF WINSLOW LEWIS COMMANDERY ON THE DEATH OF DR. LEWIS.

ASYLUM OF WINSLOW LEWIS COMMANDERY.

SALEM, Sept. 16, 1875.

Whereas, God, in his providence, has removed our distinguished and illustrious Brother, Sir Knight Winslow Lewis, by death, therefore,

Resolved, That we mourn the loss, and cherish the memory of our departed Brother and companion, as one who graced the walks of life by his virtues and accomplishments, shed light upon the learned profession which he applied so faithfully and skilfully to relieve the distress and suffering of mankind, and strengthened the Fraternity to which he was devoted, by his fidelity and zeal, and by his cheerful companionship, which filled his path with beauty as well as strength.

Resolved, That the Recorder of this Commandery, which bears his name, and in whose prosperity he always manifested a lively interest, convey to the family of our illustrious Brother these resolves, with the warmest expressions of our estimate of his worth, and our deep sympathy with them in this hour of sorrow and bereavement.

GEORGE H. PEIRSON,

GEORGE B. LORING,

JAMES KIMBALL,

Committee.

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC-GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

18 Somerset Street, Boston, Oct. 6, 1875.

During the summer recess of 1875, two of the ex-presidents of this society departed this life: Samuel G. Drake, A.M., the historian, who was president in 1858, having died June 14; and Winslow Lewis, M.D., eminent as a surgeon and favorably known as an author, who was president from 1861 to 1866, having died August 3. The president, the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, in accordance with a custom of the society, appointed committees to prepare resolutions of respect to their memory; the committee on Mr. Drake being Messrs. Frederic Kidder, William B. Trask, and John A. Lewis; and that on Dr. Lewis being the Hon. Charles L. Woodbury, Col. Almon D. Hodges, and the Rev. C. D. Bradlee.

At the meeting September 1, 1875, the first meeting after the recess, the committees reported resolutions, which were laid on the table for action at the October meeting, in order that

several members not present might have an opportunity to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

On the 6th of October a quarterly meeting was held, the president, the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, in the chair. After some preliminary business the resolutions on the death of Mr. Drake* were taken up, and, after remarks by several members, were unanimously adopted.

The resolutions on the death of Dr. Lewis were read by the chairman of the committee, the Hon. Charles L. Woodbury, as follows:—

Resolved, That the members of this society deplore the loss from their ranks of Dr. Winslow Lewis of Boston, for five years their president, and who had been their associate almost from its foundation. Skilful in antiquarian research, and ardent in its pursuit, untiring and unshrinking in every labor and every work that tended to advance this society in its means, its accumulations, and its influence, his exertions well entitle him to an honored place in the front rank of those veterans who have borne the brunt in the ordeals it has undergone in reaching its present flourishing condition, and his memory will be cherished and venerated by those who follow with unequal steps in the path he illuminated. The character of our brother was robust in the stern virtues of the race from which he descended; strong, consistent, honorable, apprehensive of the right, scorning wrong, meanness, and bigotry, comprehensive in his views, vigorous in the tone of his thought, and having that large toleration for the free thought of others which sat like a jewel on his firm faith, radiant with the great Master's example. There was a yearning for kindly relations about our deceased friend, which

*It is a coincidence worthy of note that one volume of the society's periodical, the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," namely, that for 1868, contains memoirs by the late John H. Sheppard, A.M., of the two ex-presidents, to whose memory the exercises of this day were devoted, that of Dr. Lewis appearing in the January number, and that of Mr. Drake in the July number. Mr. Sheppard, their biographer and intimate friend, died two years before them, June 25, 1873, in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

with the frankness of his manners, his courtesy and willingness in all work of charity or benevolence, gave benignity and winning grace to the sincerity of his friendship. He was not only esteemed for his abilities, his professional pre-eminence and the excellence of his learning in his varied pursuits, for the easy and genial flow of his wit, the sparkle of his conversation and the cheerfulness he diffused around him, — the heart of our dear Brother surpassed all these.

Resolved, That this society, in token of its love, admiration and grief, direct these resolutions to be spread upon the records, and request the president to communicate to the afflicted widow of the deceased a copy, with a further expression of our profound sympathy for her affliction, and our earnest hope that her strength may be found equal to this overwhelming calamity, and that she may long be spared to her loving children and friends.

Mr. Woodbury having expressed a wish that others should speak before he did, the president called upon Sereno D. Nickerson, Esq., of Boston, who spoke as follows: —

REMARKS OF MR. NICKERSON.

MR. PRESIDENT: — My connection with this society is of so recent date that I have but little personal knowledge of the services rendered to it by its late honored president, Dr. Winslow Lewis. But in other organizations I have, for some years, been brought into very close and intimate relations with him, and it has been my good fortune, during all that time, to be thrown much into his society, and to enjoy the most friendly intercourse with him. I have, therefore, had the best opportunities for studying his character and forming a just estimate of it. I would not, however, by any means, intimate that any special opportunities of study were required in order to arrive at a correct opinion as to what manner of man Dr. Lewis was. On the contrary I believe that if any one ever wore his heart upon his sleeve that person was Dr. Lewis. A more transparent, undisguised, unpretending, simple, frank and truthful soul never existed. I think this is the impression that any one

must have formed upon the most casual acquaintance. My frequent and intimate intercourse has only confirmed and strengthened this impression, and inspired me with a profound admiration for the purity, the fidelity and the unselfishness which formed this happy, charming combination.

None knew him but to love him. It was remarked by a prominent merchant of this city that active business men were dying every day, who had occupied very important positions and wielded powerful influence, about whom few cared enough even to inquire how much money they left; but in the death of Dr. Lewis every member of this community and every person who had ever seen or heard of him felt as though he had lost a dear personal friend. It is interesting to inquire what were the traits of character which inspired such unbounded affection and respect.

One of his most marked characteristics was his fidelity to duty. Having once determined where the path of duty lay he walked in it with the most unwavering firmness, the most unfaltering confidence, the most determined persistency. No matter how distasteful or tedious the course, provided it was becoming and necessary, there was no thought of doubt or hesitation. The burden was cheerfully assumed and bravely borne to the end; and all this was done without the slightest claim of special merit, and apparently without a thought of doing anything out of the common course. He was sometimes charged, though in no unkindly spirit, with lacking backbone. It was not uncommon to hear it said that he was "a dear, good soul, but too much inclined to please both sides." A thorough knowledge of Dr. Lewis' character I think would convince any one that this impression was erroneous. In several instances, which occur to me at this moment, where important principles were involved or great interests at stake he was as firm as a rock, and gave the whole weight of his character and influence on the side of law and right. Argument and controversy were exceedingly distasteful to him, and, therefore, in regard to trifling and unimportant matters he was apt to agree with any one who discussed them, and thus sometimes appeared to favor opposite opinions. When the occasion warranted he did not

fail to take a decided stand. But when the principle was established, the law vindicated and the right triumphant, another trait in Dr. Lewis' character came into play. His kindly, generous heart would glow with sympathy and pity for the accused or the defeated as the case might be ; and he would spare no pains to make the blow fall as lightly as possible.

His absolute unselfishness was a marked characteristic of our departed friend. He was constantly devising plans for the gratification of his friends. If he saw a picture, or read a book, which he thought would suit the taste or fancy of another, he would often dispatch it to him forthwith, accompanied by a note sparkling with humorous ideas or classical quotations. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, his pupil, says this habit never forsook him, and that he was himself pleasantly surprised only a year or two ago by the gift, from Dr. Lewis, of a great folio, containing portraits of famous surgeons, physicians and anatomists. Frequently these tokens of interest and affection were taken from his own most cherished stores. The thought of impoverishing himself never seemed to occur to him, or was entirely swallowed up in the consideration of the delight of the recipient in an object peculiarly to his taste. He delighted in saying friendly and flattering words, often veiling the sentiment in jocose and humorously exaggerated language, in order not to shock the modesty of his listener. He was always scrupulously considerate of the feelings and opinions of those in whose company he might be. No one ever received from him a harsh, cutting word, a biting sarcasm, or a stinging sneer. His criticisms of others, or of their sayings or doings, were never severe, but were usually so pointed and witty that even their object must join in the laugh. His utter unselfishness, his thoughtful consideration of others, joined to his kindly heart and gentle, loving spirit, produced in him those graceful and genial manners which made him the delight of every circle in which he moved. He seemed to seek the company of young people, and was always the youngest, and gayest, and most frolicsome of the company. The same distinguished pupil from whom I have already quoted, says his old age was singularly cheerful ; and his

cordial greeting of his old pupils and friends was just as it always had been in the brighter season.

Another pleasing trait of Dr. Lewis' character was his eminently catholic spirit. He was tolerant in all things. He found good and derived satisfaction from all who were sincere and true. In matters of religious belief he was exceedingly liberal. He used frequently to boast, laughingly, that on the same Sabbath he had attended an Episcopal church in the forenoon, a Unitarian in the afternoon, and a Methodist in the evening. He would apparently derive great pleasure from each service, and would perhaps come home from each and declare that the sermon was the best he had ever heard.

When he was interested in a subject he applied himself to it with his whole heart and soul. His five years' service as president of this society was marked with his accustomed zeal and devotion, and I doubt not was fruitful of good. His addresses, I know, were elegant and scholarly, and add grace and dignity to our annals. As members of this society, therefore, we do well to pay grateful tribute to his memory, and, as individuals, we should be thankful for his long, useful and honorable life. While cherishing the sweet remembrance of his virtues, let us imitate his beautiful example, so that when our successors review our record they may find its pages as bright, and pure, and unsullied as his.

The president next called upon J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., of Boston, who expressed his hearty concurrence in the just eulogium to which he had listened on the character of Dr. Lewis, the genial scholar, and the "beloved physician."

The president then called upon Abraham A. Dame, Esq.

REMARKS BY MR. DAME.

MR. PRESIDENT:—I perform a pleasant duty in giving my testimony to the excellent character, in all the relations of human life, of our late president, Dr. Winslow Lewis.

My acquaintance with him commenced more than fifty years ago, and during the whole period since that time I have been associated with him in several societies, both Masonic and

literary; and I can truly say that I never knew the individual among all my acquaintance that was more willing, ready, and capable, to impart information, or give his time and pecuniary aid to promote and advance the prosperity of the institutions of which he was a member.

He was fond of literary pursuits, and devoted much of his leisure time in familiarizing himself with the writings of the ablest scholars.

As a physician, and especially as a surgeon, he obtained, as well abroad as in our own country, a celebrity which placed him among the foremost of the practitioners of surgery.

The Hon. Charles L. Woodbury was next called upon.

REMARKS BY MR. WOODBURY.

Mr. Woodbury said he desired to add his personal tribute of pleasant memories connected with the deceased. For some seventeen years he had been the frequent companion of the doctor in another institution of charitable and social purposes. The deceased had rare classical acquirements, delighting in occasional and apt quotations from the classics he loved. Plautus, Horace, and Lucian were as familiar to him as his own professional books.

He also had a taste for antiquarian pursuits connected with the history of America, and particularly New England. His library abounded with town histories and authors, the original sources on which historians usually draw for information. Many pleasant hours had the speaker passed in that noble library, examining rarities and nuggets, delicious to a bibliographer, which the deceased had quietly and perseveringly accumulated. All this learning, acumen, and wit the doctor never appeared to prize. He threw off the condensed result of tedious observation and close reasoning in a surrounding of wit and sparkling epigram as carelessly and playfully as if it had no other value than the sprightliness of its surroundings. But those who were dazzled by the flashes, and saw not the solidity, learning, and philosophy it illumined, never did justice to his superior merits.

With all his solid qualities, acquirements in many branches of learning and high professional attainments, he was also the most charming old gentleman I ever met. Years sat lightly on him; his good humor, benevolence, and flashing promptness in throwing the ball of conversation, his fondness for youth, and that urbane equality with which he extended welcome and sympathy, made young hearts bound towards him, and coupled affection with reverence in their minds for their companion, guide and friend. Extensive and frequent travel in Europe, the cultivation of his abilities in many channels, and the refining influences of social intercourse with men of mark in many nations, had given that polish and grace to his manners which made him one of the best specimens of the *vieille roche*, a gentleman of the old school, which have survived to this more practical, but less polished social era.

The last time that I met him was at a banquet given by the De Molay Encampment of Knights Templars to the Richmond Encampment of the same Order, then on a visit to their entertainers as guests for the centennial celebration of the battle of Bunker Hill.

The warmth of the reception our Southern Brothers had received in the old Bay State already had impressed every one that the sword was beaten into a ploughshare, and the animosities of the late past sunk fathoms deep in the ocean of oblivion. The doctor was the incarnation of happiness. Youth had come again to his iron frame, his speech was eloquent with heart-utterances, and the spell of his emotion fell on us all. It seemed to me that, like an old Rosicrucian, he had renewed his lease of life and youth, and was to stay among us perennial as the sunshine. Alas, how soon after this occasion he passed smilingly away! philosopher to the last, moving on in that great round of duty appointed by the Eternal Architect at the beginning, whose end no mortal can conceive.

The president called upon the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, of Boston.

REMARKS BY THE REV. MR. SLAFTER.

MR. PRESIDENT:—The resolutions which have been submitted present to my mind a very clear and accurate picture of Dr. Lewis's character, as he was known to me for many years. While he was deeply interested in the various fraternities with which he was widely associated, and which seemed to minister to him through his warm, sympathetic nature most positive happiness, he was by no means a man given mainly to social or personal enjoyments. In all the years of his strength, his best hours were consecrated to the sedulous and untiring study and practice of the noble profession which he had chosen, and he rose, as we well know, by accuracy of knowledge and pre-eminent skill, to be ranked with the first and most distinguished surgeons of New England.

But beyond the engrossing studies of an exacting profession, which daily laid upon him fresh responsibilities and cares, and the social duties of a wide acquaintance which he never neglected, Dr. Lewis found time not only to attain to a generous knowledge of the fine arts, in which he displayed an exquisite taste, but for what the old writers called the "humanities;" he had a profound enjoyment and satisfaction in reading and studying the English poets, and orators, and historians, and to the last he loved to renew the studies of his youth, the Greek and Roman classics. Those of us who listened to his numerous discourses before this and other societies, will readily call to mind how skilfully he drew from the mines of classic learning, apothegm, maxim, and wit, to adorn his sentences or to sustain his opinions.

Our associate was a man of rare qualities. We shall all agree that he was affluent in learning, genial in temperament, the soul of honor, and a Christian in spirit.

Frederic Kidder, of Melrose, was then called upon.

REMARKS OF MR. KIDDER.

MR. PRESIDENT:—I rise to add my testimony to the high character of Dr. Lewis, which has been given in the resolutions

just read, as well as in the remarks which I have listened to. I will add a few words in relation to his connection with this society. Many years ago I happened to be chairman of its Committee on Nominations. One day in session we were looking around to find the right man to fill the position of president. His name being mentioned, all agreed that if he would accept the nomination, he would be just the person we wanted. The committee at once visited him, and he received us with his usual politeness and kindness. As he had never taken an active part in our doings, though he had been for some years a member, we had but slight acquaintance with him. We stated at once what had brought us there, and how pleased we should be if he were willing to serve us. He asked several questions in relation to our present position, the prospects and aims of the society, and after these had been answered to his satisfaction, he said, that if this was the feeling of the society, he would accept the office and try to do his duty as well as he could.

His election was unanimous, and his genial intercourse soon made him very popular. He was not in any sense a specialist; but his learning and his experience were universal. He was familiar with the classics, well-versed in the modern languages of Europe, and excelled in his profession. He seemed to be fully able to be at the head of almost any literary or scientific society; for, added to all his other accomplishments, he had a fine taste for poetry and the fine arts. Take him all in all, we shall hardly ever find a man so universal in his accomplishments, or so constant and generous as a friend.

The president called upon William B. Trask, of Boston, who responded.

MR. TRASK'S REMARKS.

MR. PRESIDENT:—Allusion has been made to the pleasant, genial disposition of Dr. Lewis. This reminds me of an incident in my own experience, illustrative of the doctor's politeness. Some five and twenty years ago, I had occasion to go to the house of Dr. Lewis, who then resided on the corner of

Boylston and Pleasant streets. I called upon him for the purpose of collecting a bill for the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," for my friend and endeared acquaintance, the late Samuel Gardner Drake. Business of this kind has not generally a tendency to put one into a pleasant frame of mind. On ringing the bell I was ushered, by the servant, into the hall while she went upstairs with the message. The girl soon returned with a request to walk into the room above, which was a pleasant one, with a bay-window overlooking the Public Garden and lower part of the Common. "Sit down," says the doctor. My business being soon despatched he opened his portfolio, and showed me many interesting and curious old documents which excited my attention, making, at the same time, entertaining remarks in regard to the papers. This interview made an impression on my mind, as I was a stranger to Dr. Lewis, never having been introduced to him. I was not aware that the doctor knew me then, even by name. This led me to look upon him as one of the most polite of men. In after years, when president of the New England Historic-Genaealogical Society, I had opportunities of becoming more intimately acquainted with him. I was fully confirmed in my earlier impressions, in regard to the true politeness and suavity of manners of Dr. Winslow Lewis.

The president next invited Howland Holmes, M.D., of Lexington, to speak.

REMARKS OF DR. HOLMES.

MR. PRESIDENT:—I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without some acknowledgment of the obligation I rest under to the late Dr. Winslow Lewis, for it was in his dissecting-rooms, more than thirty years ago, that my first lessons in dissection were received. These rooms were constructed and furnished for the especial use of his own students, but they were comfortably warmed and freely tendered to the medical students of Dr. William J. Walker, of whom I was one. We not only enjoyed the gratuitous use of his commodious rooms, furnished

with the latest conveniences and appliances for the student, but we were daily cheered with his genial smile and encouraging words, and were constantly made to feel the unselfishness of his nature, — a trait in his character which has already been so happily alluded to in the remarks of Judge Woodbury. Indeed he was the generous patron of young men, especially of young physicians and medical students.

Alike devoid of ostentation and an offensively patronizing manner, Dr. Lewis enjoyed, at this time, an enviable reputation as physician, surgeon, and anatomist, and was ever ready, with great modesty and childlike simplicity, to impart all the information we needed. He seemed to us a living encyclopædia, always open at the right place. Whether vein or artery, muscle or nerve, its name and office were alike familiar to him, and our perplexities quickly faded in his affable intercourse. His varied and accurate acquirements, joined to such urbanity, gentlemanly manners, and cordial salutations, did not fail to give him a large and lucrative practice, and place him in the front rank of the practitioners of his day. He enjoyed the confidences and warm regards of the community, and the profession.

An invitation was then extended to William Henry Montague, Esq., of Boston, as one of the founders of this society.*

REMARKS BY MR. MONTAGUE.

MR. PRESIDENT: — I have had a friendly and pleasant acquaintance with the late Dr. Winslow Lewis for more than half a century. We attended the same church (St. Paul's). His pew was directly in front of mine, and almost every Sunday for many years, in passing down the aisle or vestibule, we exchanged pleasant words. He had a son, a little boy of

* Only two of the five founders of the society are now living, both of whom spoke at this meeting, viz., Messrs. Montague and Thornton. The other founders were Charles Ewer, who died in 1853; Lemuel Shattuck, who died in 1859, and Mr. Drake, who died last June.

whom he seemed to be very fond, and who bore a strong resemblance to his father. The child had one of the most pleasant and mirthful countenances that I ever beheld; but he died very young. Some twenty years after, in conversation with Dr. Lewis, I repeated to him the words which I have already spoken, of the expression of his son's countenance, and added some remarks of what I thought of his character. He took my hand, pressed it, and with a voice filled with emotion he said, "You are right; he was all that. When I was in Florence news was brought me of his death; after that I felt comparatively little interest in music, sculpture, statuary or pictures, my mind was absorbed in thinking of my child." And I believe that if I had not been blind I should have seen his eyes suffused with tears.*

The president followed with these remarks:—

*Mr. Montague writes in a letter to John Ward Dean: "I would gladly have said more, but I feared that I might occupy the time of others who wished to speak. I will now add something to illustrate the kindness and benevolence of Dr. Lewis. Once in walking with a little son of mine on Tremont street a person coming from the opposite direction ran against him and knocked him down. He fell upon the scraper of a doorstep, which inflicted a deep and ugly wound upon his forehead. Dr. Lewis was passing; he took the child in his arms and accompanied me to the house of a mutual friend in Hamilton place, then went out to a neighboring apothecary, obtained materials for dressing the wound, and dressed it so skilfully that it scarcely left a scar. Not long after, meeting him, I told him I wished to pay his bill. He replied, 'You don't owe me anything.' I reminded him of the circumstances of dressing the wound on my child's head. He said, 'Do you think I would take anything for such a service from any one, much less from you? If you think I would you do not know me.'

"Once he invited me to his dissecting-room to witness a dissection. I declined the invitation, telling him that it was repugnant to my feelings to look at a corpse. He said, 'I felt so once, but now it is a part of my profession; it is my duty, and duty is duty.'

"I once heard the late Dr. Wm. Ingalls remark of Dr. Lewis, before he had reached the zenith of his fame, that there was not a more skilful surgeon or better anatomist than Dr. Lewis. This was high praise from so skilful a surgeon and anatomist as Dr. Ingalls was known to be."

PRESIDENT WILDER'S SPEECH.

In closing these testimonials of regard for the memory of our deceased friend and associate, I desire to add my humble tribute of praise.

It was my privilege to be on terms of intimate friendship for more than forty years with Dr. Lewis, and I can truly say that I have never been associated with any one who discharged the various duties of life with more fidelity and integrity. He occupied a wide sphere of usefulness; and, whether in the councils of the State or the city governments, in the classic shades of Harvard or in the school committee of Boston, in the laboratory of science or the exercise of the healing art, in his love for historical research or in his lifelong devotion to Masonic duties, he was the same uniform, unassuming, conscientious man. He was distinguished for his kindness, affection and sympathy. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to minister to the wants of the suffering, and to assuage the grief of friends by his words of cheer. As an instance of his sympathy I may state, that in June, 1868, we were both stricken to the ground with a sudden attack; but as soon as he was convalescent he visited me once or twice a week for several months, calling me his pet patient, and consoling me with the hope that I might ultimately recover.

Dr. Lewis was early connected with this society; was for five years its president, and was deeply interested in historical research, and in the welfare of our society to the close of his life. We mourn his loss; but his memory will be held in grateful remembrance; and it may truly be said that those who knew him best loved him the most.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

PROCEEDINGS OF COLUMBIAN LODGE, BOSTON.

I hereby certify that the following report, resolutions and memorial were duly accepted and adopted by Columbian Lodge, at their Regular Communication, Oct. 7, 1875.

WILLIAM MARTIN, *Secretary*.

COLUMBIAN LODGE, Oct. 7, 1875.

To the Worshipful Master:—

The Committee appointed at our Regular Communication in September last, to “prepare and present suitable resolves on the decease of our late Brother, Dr. Winslow Lewis,” have attended to the duty assigned to them. They report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption.

They also present herewith a sketch of the life of R W. Winslow Lewis, which they think should be spread on our records.

The resolutions were written by Brother Marvin.

JOHN T. HEARD,
GEO. G. SMITH,
PETER C. JONES,
WILLIAM W. BAKER,
WM. D. COOLIDGE,
W. T. R. MARVIN.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Columbian Lodge has been called to lament the death of one of her most distinguished initiates, and beloved Honorary Members, Dr. Winslow Lewis, Past Grand Master, a brother whose long and useful life had endeared him to the whole Masonic Fraternity; it is therefore

Resolved, That the Lodge cherishes with pride the remembrance that within her walls Masonic light was first imparted to one whose after-life afforded so bright evidence of the value he placed upon the lessons of Masonry which he here received.

Resolved, That we shall ever bear in grateful recollection his services to Columbian Lodge, to the Grand Lodge, and to the whole Masonic order. It may truly be said of him, in whatever station he was called to fill, *Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit*: “He touched nothing save to beautify or adorn it.” His cordial greeting, his overflowing sympathy, his untiring devotion, his genial spirits, his open-handed charity were liberally bestowed wherever needed, and often in times and ways known only to the recipient, and to Him who, seeing in secret, rewarded him

openly with the love of his Brethren, to a degree unsurpassed, if not unequalled in Masonic history.

Resolved, That while the death of our Rt. Wor. Bro. Lewis reminds us that the strongest bonds of that fraternal love which would so gladly have kept him longer among the Brotherhood whom he had so greatly honored and adorned, were powerless to retain him, when summoned by the Supreme Grand Master, yet we rejoice in the glorious trust that

“ Not with life's precarious fire
The immortal ties of Friendship shall expire;
These shall resist the triumph of decay,
When time is o'er, and worlds have passed away.
Cold in the dust his perished heart may lie,
But that which warmed it once shall never die.
That spark, unburied in its mortal frame,
With living light, eternal and the same,
Shall beam on Joy's interminable years,
Unveiled by darkness, unassuaged by tears.”

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records, and a copy sent to the family of our late Brother, with the assurance of the sincere and profound sympathy of Columbian Lodge, in their great affliction.

IN MEMORY OF WINSLOW LEWIS.

IN COLUMBIAN LODGE, Oct. 7, 1875.

We can with difficulty realize that we mourn the loss by death of a Brother of nearly fourscore years of age; so buoyant and youthful were his feelings, so interested and active was he in the affairs of life, and especially in promoting the honor and welfare of Masonry, even to the last hours of his earthly existence! His third step, as “delineated on the Master's Carpet,” was taken, in the course of nature, many years since; but, in defiance of age, he maintained it, cheerfully and happily, to the time of his death. His was a well-spent life, which we believe he could have reflected upon with satisfaction. Who will say that he, whose career abounded in deeds of generosity and charitableness, did not “die in the hope of a glorious immortality”?

The sable emblems which drape these walls are unnecessary to bring to our minds the loss we have sustained. The weeds of mournful import, which surround portrait and bust, are in honor of his memory. In no degree do these effigies supply the absence of him whose wisdom and geniality were wont to honor and grace our Communications. We recognize the fidelity of the copies of his person; but his beaming presence, his amiable and benevolent facial expression, no artist, however skilled, can represent. The greatness, the genius, the strength of fraternal affections of the man, and, indeed, his courtly manners, cannot be portrayed on canvas, or in marble. We remember that our deceased Brother possessed great qualities. They will not be effaced from our memories. The record of them is the only means we have for their transmission, as examples, to our successors.

The leading trait in his character was benevolence. For the exercise of this virtue he found in the Masonic institution an ample field. Therein was a congeniality which was adapted to his temperament and kindly disposition. His Masonic life of forty-five years is crowded with attestations of his appreciation of Freemasonry. To the writer of the "History of this Lodge," he, in 1855, wrote: "Truth and my feelings prompt the declaration that in Masonry I have found the best friends, the best social ties and comforts; and that the 'whitest' hours of my life (apart from my family) have been when surrounded by 'Brothers,' and around that Altar, where heart beats responsive to heart, and all 'mingle into bliss.'" Sentiments like these imply a reciprocity of feeling between him and his Masonic Brethren; they appreciating and loving one whose intense and devoted interest in Masonry led him earnestly to do all in his power to promote the social and charitable purposes of our Brotherhood.

The juvenility of our lamented Brother's character was most remarkable. Youthfulness, and the feelings which attend that period of life, forsook him not to the time of his decease. To the younger of our Brethren, even, he was a companion; and, without derogating from the proprieties and dignity of his maturity, his liveliness and sympathies were such that his

society was sought for and cultivated by them. To young and old alike he affiliated himself by the grace and kindness of his manners, and the unremitted interest he manifested in their welfare and purposes.

These two prominent characteristics of Brother Lewis naturally inclined him to our Institution. When he was thirty-one years of age he joined it at a time and under circumstances which showed his high sense of justice. Regardless of the obloquy which might attend the act, he, with admirable independence and fortitude, followed his convictions. His benevolent and fraternizing spirit actuated him to join a Society whose principles accorded with his own. At the period of his initiation into our Order, it will be remembered, the mania of anti-Masonry was at its height; his act, therefore, displayed a moral courage which wins our admiration and applause.

Of our Brother's religious tenets we are left to conjecture. He, with his family, attended the Protestant Episcopal Church. Something of his belief is indicated in an extract from his diary which he permitted a committee of this Lodge, of which he was a member, to copy in a notice of the decease of our late Brother Warren Fisher. He wrote to Brother Heard, in March last, "I send a copy from my diary: 'Death of the venerable Bro. Warren Fisher. A most excellent man in all the relations of life. Commencing his career with no other dower than a large stock of honesty, of sound principles, and of persistent devotion to duty, he has quitted an unblemished existence; having, in his last lingering years, the almost unparalleled devotion of daughters who have been to him ministering angels, smoothing his pillow of declining infirmities, and rendering his last days but a quiet transition to heaven. The trite, but good, saying, that an "honest man is the best gift of God," is truly applicable to him, whose sphere has been so well completed.

"Thus a blameless, a well-rounded life is finished! To do unto others all in our power; to love our neighbors; to walk uprightly before God and man; to relieve the unfortunate and assuage misery, — this is the essence, the activity, of religion, by deeds, not mere words. This transcends all creeds, and illustrates the practical teachings of the Christ better than genuflec-

tions, the altar, the chancel, the robes, whether black or white or scarlet, the holy water, the consecrated wafer, and all the *et cetera*. The poor *fishermen* did not worship in cathedrals, or in decorated garments.'"

WINSLOW LEWIS was born in Boston on the 8th of July, 1799. He died in the village of Grantville, near Boston, at the summer residence of his son-in-law, Dr. George H. Gay. He left Boston on the 7th of July last on a visit to Dr. Gay. On the 15th of that month he was taken sick. In the evening of the 3d of August at eleven o'clock and twenty-five minutes his mortal existence ended.

COLUMBIAN LODGE initiated him into Masonry. He was proposed for the honor by our late R.W. Brother Joshua Barker Flint, M.D., who was Master in 1830, 1831, 1832, and until the 3d of October, 1833; and Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1835, 1836 and 1837. Brother LEWIS was raised in this Lodge Feb. 3, 1831, but did not take membership in it. He was elected an Honorary Member of it May 2, 1861.

He was admitted a member of SAINT JOHN'S LODGE on the 3d of March, 1834. It seems, therefore, that he was not affiliated with any Lodge, as a member, from the time he was raised in COLUMBIAN LODGE until he became a member of SAINT JOHN'S LODGE. Of the latter Body he filled the offices of Junior Deacon, Marshal, Junior Warden and Senior Warden. He was elected an Honorary Member of it November 5, 1860.

In the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts he held the offices of Steward, Sword-Bearer, Marshal, Corresponding Secretary, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master. He also served as Trustee on the Board of Trustees of Masonic Temple; on that of the Trustees of the Charity Fund, and on the Board of Directors from 1859 to 1868 inclusive. On important committees of the Grand Lodge to which he was often assigned he discharged the duties thus devolved on him with fidelity and ability.

He took a great interest in the formation of the Library of the Grand Lodge, and was connected with the committee charged with its establishment during the long period of twenty-three years.

In the collection of portraits of Grand Masters who served before 1855, he performed a very onerous work, which was successful, except in two instances. This valuable contribution to the Masonic archives was destroyed by fire at the burning of Freemason's Hall in 1864.

During the life-time of our eminent Brother, he received marks of esteem and honor from many Masonic organizations. He was an Honorary Member of ten Lodges; of four Commanderies; of the Massachusetts Consistory, 32°; of Mount Oliver Chapter of Rose Croix, Boston; and of St. Paul's Chapter.

As a fitting conclusion to this paper is presented below an article taken from the *New York Dispatch* newspaper, of August 29th last. It is apprecative of the life and character of Brother LEWIS. A few inaccuracies in it have been corrected.

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE!

DR. WINSLOW LEWIS, 83°.

A ripe scholar, eminent physician, and distinguished Mason, descended from George Lewis, of Barnstable, and from Kenelm Winslow, and was a lineal descendant of Edward Lewis, Governor of Plymouth Colony in 1633. Born in Boston, July 8, 1799, and in the same house where his mother had been born, his father was Captain Winslow Lewis, a noted ship-master, who was interested in the ropewalks then on Charles street, and his mother was Elizabeth Greenough, daughter of Thomas Greenough, manufacturer of mathematical instruments. Possessed of ample means, his father enabled him to receive a thorough education, being fitted for college under Mr. Daniel Staniford, whose private school had high repute in Boston. Proceeding to Harvard University, he graduated in the class of 1819, was passed to the degrees of A. B. and A. M., and entered the Medical Department, whence he graduated in 1822, having studied under Dr. John C. Warren. To perfect his studies, he went to Europe, attended the lectures of Baron Dupuytren, in Paris, and those of Dr. John Abernethy, in London, the most celebrated surgeons of their time. Returning to Boston, he

commenced practice, and by his peculiar tact, firm nerve, and quick, decisive judgment, soon became distinguished as a successful physician and surgeon. On February 22d, 1828, he married Miss Emeline Richards, daughter of Capt. Benjamin Richards, of New London, Conn., by whom he had one son, who died at the age of ten, and three daughters, the first and third of whom were married to Dr. George H. Gay and Mr. Arthur Cheney. The second daughter, married to Mr. Warren Fisher, Jr., was killed in 1859, by the falling of a skylight in the store of Messrs. Daniels.

For many years Dr. Lewis devoted himself closely to his professional duties, and was physician for two years of the municipal institutions, for three years of the House of Correction, and, after Dr. Warren's death, consulting surgeon of the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston City Hospital. He was a member of the American Medical Society of Paris, Counsellor of the Massachusetts Medical Society [a member of the Boston Medical Association], President of the Boston Gynecological Society, official Visitor of the U. S. Marine Hospital from 1856 to 1862, and in 1861 City Consulting Physician. While engaged in his extensive practice for thirty-five years, he found time to educate over four hundred young men, many of whom became eminent. His sympathetic nature prompted him to aid the suffering poor on all occasions, and right bountifully he bestowed the rare blessings of the good physician. A thorough scholar, he had great interest in literature, and he translated from the French Dr. Gall's "Structure and Functions of the Brain," which covered six volumes, edited Paxton's "Anatomy," and published a work on "Practical Anatomy." Though so deeply engaged in his chosen profession, his breadth of thought led him to enter other fields of usefulness, and mingle with the active world. Without seeking public distinction, he was chosen to represent Boston in the Massachusetts General Court in 1835, and again sent in 1852 and 1853. He became one of the Common Council of Boston in 1839, and was elected to the School Committee for seven terms, from 1839 to 1858. He was chosen overseer of his Alma Mater from 1856 to 1862,

and was on the Board of State Commissioners for Rainsford Island, when the State institutions were there.

The literary qualifications of Dr. Lewis led him to seek various learned societies, and he engaged actively in the New England Historic Genealogical Society, was from 1861 to 1866 an efficient president of this literary association of leading men, and his annual addresses zealously promoted it. His successor was the late Governor Andrew. He took great interest in coins, and became a member of the Boston Numismatic Society, becoming its president for several years, which position he only resigned on account of ill-health, in 1865. He was also an honorary member of the historical societies of New York and Buffalo.

With all these duties it would seem that he must be fully occupied, and that nothing but his excellent family associations would engage any spare time. He visited Europe in 1849, and was in Rome during the siege of the French. Again in 1850, with his wife and three daughters, he went to Europe, and, returning in 1853, resumed his practice from love of it alone. Yet in all this, aside from his profession, he was imbued with the spirit of Masonry. In the days of anti-Masonry, when the Fraternity calmly endured the insults of the ignorant, he saw in a paper an advertisement of a furious anti-Mason, Avery Allyn,—a name sometimes stumbled over in this city,—that on a certain day, in 1829, he would deliver a lecture disclosing the weakness, hypocrisy, and dangerous tendency of Freemasonry. The doctor, in curiosity, went to hear him, but, contrary to the intention of the lecturer, the sophisms he used and the abuse he heaped upon Masons made him a convert. He thereupon sought initiation, and entered Columbian Lodge, November 3, 1830, passed January 6, 1831, and raised February 3, 1831. His affectionate and affable nature, high character, literary qualifications, and his interest in the Fraternity, were the recipients of honors and dignity in all the grades of Masonry. Rapidly advancing through the York Rite, he became Master of St. John's Lodge [not Master, but Senior Warden], and Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1855, 1856, and again in 1860; was High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter, and

Grand King of the Grand Chapter, Commander of Boston Encampment, and Grand Commander of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Grand Encampment, Generalissimo of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, member of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, an affiliated member of "Lodge Clement-Amitié" at Paris, and Honorary Member of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, of New York, and various other bodies; one Lodge in Boston bearing his name.

In 1859, in company with Gen. William Sutton, 33°, of Salem, he visited New York, and, being already a Prince of Jerusalem, he received, at the hands of Ill. Charles T. McClenachan, 33°, at No. 814 Broadway, the Masonic Rooms of the Ancient Accepted Rite, the grades from Knight of the East and West to Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret. On the 16th of May, 1861, he was elected and became an active member of the Supreme Council, 33°, holding its East at Boston, at the hands of Killian H. Van Rensselaer, the Sovereign Grand Commander, whose recent celebration of his Golden Wedding in the Rite is so notable. In 1867, when the Supreme Councils of New York and Boston united, he met the committee from the New York side, and, having learned the favorable vote, could not contain the exuberance of his joy. His attendance at the Supreme Council has been generally filled with his eulogiums and memorials of the deceased members.

Dr. Lewis carried into practice the teachings of Masonry, and his various speeches and addresses have sent fresh inspiration into the hearts of his hearers as he portrayed the benefits of the Order, and endeavored to elevate others to the high standing of the mission of the Fraternity. For forty-five years was he thus a beacon among the "Sons of Light," and in all that time he never regretted a moment spent among them.

Very recently, at a memorable gathering of the Craft, he closed a very touching address as follows:—

"My limbs are tottering, my brain flags, but my Masonic heart and soul will be the last lingering remains of my existence; and when I die—and that time must soon come—written on my heart will be Masonry! Freemasonry! This may be

almost the last tribute that I shall pay to Masonry, an Institution which has developed in me kindly feelings and charitable deeds. Let me say as a parting, and it may be the last parting word: May that Institution from which I have derived so much benefit continue to bless you all as I have been blessed."

During the centennial anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill he represented the Grand Lodge [as Deputy Grand Master, wearing the apron of Lafayette which the latter wore at the laying of the corner-stone of Bunker Hill Monument, in 1825], himself seventy-six years of age, having seen in that time the strides of wonderful invention, the rapid increase in population, and the great development of the "Republic of the World."

About ten years ago he had a paralytic stroke, the sure following of a too hearty devotion to business, but by careful watching enjoyed in that time a fair measure of health; but his increasing infirmities finally overcame him, and he peacefully sank to rest on August 3, 1875.

Truly he was indeed a Mason. His cheering word for those in affliction touched a responsive chord. His timely aid lifted many a burden from the unfortunate, while the poor and the oppressed found in him one who would promote their welfare even by personal sacrifice.

Thousands gathered at his funeral, poor and rich; every society and body to which he belonged was represented, and the celestial crown, bestowed upon his casket, among the large number of floral gifts, was but emblematical of that crown which he had so nobly won. Many illustrious Masons and civilians were present, among them Generals N. P. Banks and S. C. Lawrence, Josiah H. Drummond, and others; and the pall-bearers fitly were the present Grand Master of Massachusetts, Percival Lowell Everett, and Past Grand Masters John T. Heard, Wm. D. Coolidge, Wm. Parkman, C. C. Dame, Wm. S. Gardner and Sereno D. Nickerson. The Episcopal burial service was given by Rev. Treadwell Walden, in St. Paul's Church, Boston, followed by the Grand Lodge burial service at the grave in Mount Auburn, where the following words were sung at his requiem:—

" Here death his sacred seal hath set
On bright and bygone hours ;
The dead we mourn are with us yet,
And more than ever ours.

" Ours, by the pledge of love and faith,
By hopes of heaven on high,
By trust, triumphant over death,
In immortality !"

[From the American Journal of Numismatics, for October, 1875.]

OBITUARY.

DR. WINSLOW LEWIS, late president of the Boston Numismatic Society, was born in Boston, July 8, 1799, and died at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. George H. Gay, Grantville, Mass., August 3, 1875. He graduated at Harvard College, 1819 ; studied medicine under the late John C. Warren, M.D. ; took his degree in 1822 ; went to Europe soon after ; attended the lectures of Dupuytren in Paris, and Abernethy in London. Upon his return he began practice in Boston. He was, for several years, physician to the city institutions, and consulting physician of the Massachusetts General Hospital. His tastes, when a young man, led him to the study of Comparative Anatomy, in which his attainments were remarkable. Many of the preparations used by the senior Dr. Warren in his lectures were the work of his hands ; and we have been informed that some of the best specimens in the cabinet of the Boston Society of Natural History were prepared by him. His skill as a surgeon and a physician was well known, and his benevolence to those in humble circumstances was proverbial.

"Easier the sandy grains to number o'er,
Than all his noble, generous deeds explore."

Dr. Lewis was much in public life in city and State affairs : Honorary visitor to the United States Marine Hospital ; Consulting Physician of the City ; Counsellor of the Massachusetts Medical Society ; Member of various foreign and President of several Medical Societies in this city ; one of the Overseers of Harvard College for several years ; President of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society for five years. One of the

founders of the Boston Numismatic Society, and its President from 1860 to 1865. He was, also, a member of various literary and social societies.

Dr. Lewis was widely known as an active and prominent Freemason, at home and abroad, having held the most honorable offices in all the various degrees to the 33d; and no man was more beloved by the Fraternity for his universal kindness, benevolence, and brotherly love. He made several visits to Europe; resided for several years in Florence, enjoying the acquaintance of distinguished persons, and engaging in literary and artistic pursuits. He was the warm friend of the American artists in Italy, and greatly esteemed by them. Several of our young and promising sculptors have found in him a friend in deeds as well as words, and will miss his genial grasp and encouragement. While abroad he had collected many works of art, ancient furniture, engravings, books, manuscripts, medals, coins, etc. His collections of numismatic works and of papal and early Italian medals are of much value.

His connection with this Society was of the most agreeable character to all its members. An address delivered by him, and printed by the Society, gave an impetus to its success, and was the means of its more favorable notice by those interested in our pursuits.

His funeral took place at St. Paul's Church, on Friday, August 6, and was attended by the largest assemblage of the Masonic Fraternity ever called together on a similar occasion.

J. C.

The Grand Master announced to the Grand Lodge that he had invited R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury, Past Deputy Grand Master, to give to the Grand Lodge some of the results of his investigations of the evidences of the Antiquity of Freemasonry. In accordance with this invitation Bro. Woodbury submitted the following:—

THE ANTIQUITY OF MASONRY.

A little more than a century and a half ago Freemasonry, except for mystic purposes, suspended handicraft labors and devoted itself to the speculative part of the art. Before that time both kinds were carried on together, surely as far back as the oldest (A.D. 1599) Lodge record which has survived to our day. How much earlier Masonry included speculative subjects is a question where opinions have varied, and men have been inclined to dogmatize variously. Masonry is the oldest art whose works are extant. To the Freemason it would be interesting to know if it had, as our traditions say, always a speculative side, and also whether it has had a continuous existence as an art, or has at times been lost and again invented or rediscovered. These are the questions I propose to examine to-night. If the art of Masonry was speculative as well as practical in ancient times, and yet was lost afterwards, our claim to antiquity could not mount higher than the period of its rediscovery; but if there has been a constant succession, all evidence of speculative opinions is of historical value.

Without troubling you with my opinions I shall lay before you some evidence gathered on the descent and the early organization of Masonry, not claiming that these facts are conclusive, but asking whether they do not justify further research into this interesting subject.

It will be admitted that if we find fragments of usages, designs, as well as tools and methods of work of the ancient **Masons** in use in the same Craft in modern times, an inference of a continuous channel of descent is presumptively established. It will not be disputed that the ancestors of modern **Masons**, like other men, lived in those days; that then commerce existed, people migrated, barbarians became civilized by contact with enlightened people, arts were transmitted through castes, counting a descent thus for thousands of years in some countries, and elsewhere by initiation and instruction from generation to generation. Thus Masonic organizations, supported by successive initiation of apprentices, may have existed

from the early times. Let us inquire whether Masonry has not always been a spiritual man of brains and brawny arms, uniting the best culture, learning, intellect and taste of its time with practical hard-working art.

In the remains of the most ancient religions which have been handed down to us are found exoteric and esoteric doctrines, together with particular initiations through which the select few were gradually raised to the knowledge of the mysteries and higher thoughts included in their rituals and dogmas.

The earth is strewn with the wrecks of ancient temples, whose relics attest that all religions had recourse to the Masonic art to express their highest acts of devotion and oblation. The adepts who constructed them must have held intimate relations with the hierarchies of those creeds whose symbols and mysteries are entwined in the temples of their faith. The antiquarian draws with confidence from the forms and symbols of these ruins testimony to supplement the meagre remains handed down through literary channels, and we also may find something there of the organization and lore of those early Freemasons that will be instructive to compare with things of to-day.

There are strong reasons for thinking that the art of Masonry was not an original discovery in each of the various ancient centres of civilization. It is probable that it was invented, cultivated and developed in some centre, and from thence was carried by its professors to other and growing countries, at the invitation of religious or political rulers, to give enduring expression to the feelings of reverence of the people, and to the exposition of dogmas, by embodying in holy and public buildings symbols and configurations designed to recall to the mind important doctrines of their theology. Such, indeed, is one of the objects of Masonry at this day.

The travelling propensities of the great master workmen of antiquity are verified by the records. We find Greeks of celebrity working in Asia Minor; and even working in Egypt under the Macedonian dynasty. Thus, Cleomanes planned the city of Alexandria; and Dinocratus not only rebuilt the Temple

of Diana at Ephesus, in Asia Minor, but was long engaged in important works at Alexandria; and Sostratus, of Gnidus, built the Pharos at Alexandria. We find also Hermodorus, of Salamis, and Saurus and Batrachus, of Laconia, and Appolodorus, of Damascus, erecting important temples at Rome.

Four masters worked on the foundations of the Temple of Jove at Athens.

Ictinius, with the aid of Calicrates and perhaps other masters, built the Parthenon.

We also read in Chronicles that King David *gathered and set the strangers* — Masons — to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. In Kings we find that Masons were sent from Tyre to King Solomon, and that Hiram's Masons and stone-squarers, and Solomon's Masons and stone-squarers did hew the great and costly stones to lay the foundation of the Temple. In those ages it thus appears that art was not translated to another country, any more than true art now can be, by imitation, but that practical skilled workmen themselves travelled to the place, and established the style sought for by making the moulds and plans of the details, instructing, overseeing the construction, and governing the workmen.

The Master Mason's talent is manifested in every curve and joint, and even in the very setting of the work.

Plato says in the "Eleatic Stranger," "The master workman does not work himself, but is the ruler of the workmen." "He contributes knowledge, but not manual labor, and may therefore be justly said to share in theoretical science. But he ought not, when he has formed a judgment, to regard his function at an end, like the calculator; he must assign to the individual workmen their appropriate task, until they have completed the work."

Plutarch says of Phidias, the celebrated sculptor who was the chief superintendent of all the works for Pericles, "He directed all and was the overseer of all for Pericles." Able writers on architecture, commenting on these and other evidences, affirm that in the Greek, Egyptian and Mediæval Architecture, the architect was always a master workman personally skilled in the

manual part of the art, to whom the beauty, solidity and invention in their structures are due, and are now calling for a return to that relation, declaiming that their late separation into distinct branches is deteriorating to art itself.

The organization thus shadowed out has three degrees, the tyro or apprentice, the trained and educated craftsman, and the Master Mason who combined the skill of all the others, with the high theoretic science and skill as a manager and overseer in architectural matters. It was his genius that gave form and style to the venerated Temple from its foundation to its last coping-stone, and compelled the warm sandstone and the cold marble to become symbolic witnesses of the esoteric as well as the exoteric faith of the employers. It was he who, as the progress of kindred sciences afforded new knowledge, applied it to his art, whether in the line of strength, beauty, or economy.

The ancient Master Mason, as a result of the reliance of ancient religions on monumental symbology, necessarily had intimate relations with the religious chiefs of the country where he practised his art; had perfect knowledge of their esoteric symbology, planned and executed the forms in which they were established on the monuments. His successors also were their pertinacious conservators. Thus grew the conventional in religious Masonry.

One historian of Egypt (Sharpe) affirms that even from the earliest times these sculptors and designers of the temples were of the priestly caste or order of society; and another celebrated investigator of Egyptian antiquities, Wilkinson, also includes "the sacred sculptors, draftsmen and Masons" in the priestly grade. They were the only Egyptian craft, except land surveyors, elevated to this social rank.

The priestly caste had, we know, those mystic initiations which spread from ancient Egypt over the world, and of which so much has been written. Whether the Masons were initiated in all or only a part of these mysteries can only be inferred, but we may infer that higher initiations were conferred as the candidate advanced in his art.

Vitruvius defined Masonry, near 2,000 years ago, as "A

science arising out of many other sciences, and adorned with much and varied learning." Plato, as we have seen, four centuries earlier, spoke of it as a science. Solomon and Hiram of Tyre, we have seen, considered the loan of Master Masons as worthy to be repaid by the concession of twenty cities; and the description of his varied talents in King Hiram's letter accords with the requisite talents elsewhere demanded for the grade.

Those who conceive the Mason as a mere wall-builder have need to enlarge their understanding.

An able reviewer of Fergusson's History of Architecture, in the "London Quarterly," says, "To those but little educated in the ways of art the *master workman* is a mystery, his influence and existence are half doubted, half denied, or wholly misconceived."

In the true antique spirit do our old Constitutions inculcate the study of the seven liberal arts. It was through these that the Fraternity advanced their art from rude beginnings until there arose a creative intellect from among them, who could embody all extant mystical cosmic science into one temple, symbolical and monumental of the speculative science shut within the breasts of the Master Masons, open to those who held the key, but sealed to the uninitiate and profane.

Such a monument, signed astronomically with the date of its construction, was the pyramid of Gizeh; contrived by its initiated and learned builders not only to embody their religious mystery, but to be capable of yielding to the analysis of the future antiquarian and physicist the key to the knowledge of the state of Astronomy, Geodesy, and kindred arts at the era of its construction. Such, also, were probably the builders of the palaces of Babylon and Nineveh, whose hidden stores of knowledge are now being revealed to us.

In like organization, and possibly of like caste, were the devoted bands of more creeds than one, who, united with brotherly love, raised the first Temple at Jerusalem, and those, too, who, fresh from the Chaldean plains, labored with Nehe-miah or Zerubbabel, their swords girded to their sides, to rebuild

and restore the despoiled dwelling-place of the God of Israel. Was there no initiation in things sacred among these Syrian builders also? Was there no hidden wisdom, no speculation on ineffable things in their Craft?

What mystery the inspired psalmist hangs about the corner-stone! How grandly the author of Job puts, in the words of the Almighty, the Masonic character of his work of creation: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof if thou knowest? or who has stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who hath laid the corner-stone thereof? When the morning stars sang together, and the sons of Elohim shouted for joy." How, also, the prophet Amos describes the Lord standing on a true wall with the implements of the Masonic Craft, a plumb line or a trowel in his hand, declaring he will set a plumb line in Israel. Was not the Masonic artisan favored of Heaven? Did not Aholiab and Bezaleel work on plans communicated through Moses, "with every wise-hearted man in whom the Lord had put wisdom and understanding?" Had Hiram and his craftsmen no aid from inspired kings and prophets in those works whose forms, ornaments, and structure typified occult mysteries? Have the three great creeds of this day, the Christian, the Jewish, or the Mahomedan, ceased to revere, in that long-perished Temple, the symbol of holy aspiration? There is no need to multiply illustrations of the speculative science of the early Masonic Craft. Let us consider the traces of a succession in the Craft of Masonry.

In the old Masonic MS. of Constitutions printed in facsimile from manuscript No. 23,198, edited by Matthew Cook, and written probably in the 15th century, Nimrod charges (fol. 380) the Masons, whom he sends to his Cousin Assur, to build a city, that they serve Assur faithfully, but that "ye govern you against your lord" (Assur) "and among yourselves."

This Masonic tradition of the Eastern life of their Craft is curious when we reflect that to this day strangers in the East are governed by the laws and Consul of their own country,

rather than of the nation they sojourn among. Such a system applied to sojourning Masons of one country, protected by their own country, and working together in another, would naturally produce the organization of Freemasonry. In this light we find the Latin vulgate carefully distinguishes Hiram's Masons from Solomon's Masons (Kings v. "cæmentarii Hiram"). Early as this MS. bears date, it must be admitted that some of the organization of speculative Masonry is shown in this extract. The free spirit of self-government sheds a ray of light here of great significance.

The Brother who believes there is something in Freemasonry deeper than its admirable morality and generosity, something that underlies and gives expression to its universality, something behind its symbols that has brought from antique times a flavor like the odor of the Shittim wood of the tabernacle, may boldly enter on the investigation, and if his industry never slackens, his faith never tires, and he has access to the means of investigation, light from the East will break on the mysteries of that strange gem bearing the seals of the royal Solomon, and his right royal Phenician brother which is before him.

Andrea, in A.D. 1610, in his confession of R.+C., wrote, "He who can see the great letters and characters that God wrote on the edifice of heaven and earth, and can use them to his profit, he is already prepared for us, though himself unaware of it."

It is my purpose here, not to enter the hidden wisdom of this royal and reverential art, nor to discourse of those mysteries of that Craft of which the same author says, "God has surrounded us with his cloud, that to us, his servants, no force can be applied or directed, so that, had he the eye of an eagle, no one could see or recognize us."

ARCHITECTURAL LINKS.

By the aid of antiquaries and archeologists, facts may be established, from which the inductions of transmission of the Masonic art necessarily follow.

Reading the stone records from the vantage ground of antiquarian investigators, you will find yet extant many bonds uniting the past with the present.

The industry which unlocked the Egyptian hieroglyphics, and the cuneiform of the Chaldees, which has given access to the Vedas and the Zend Avesta, will aid the Masonic student in this undertaking also.

Masons' Marks are the marks the various craftsmen put upon their work to indicate to the overseer who has done the job, in order that the quality being inspected, it may be measured and paid for.

They are still in use in operative Masonry, and were particularly and memorably known in speculative Masonry long before attention was directed to the subject in connection with oriental antiquities.

These marks, many of them identical, have been traced on the stones in great religious works, in all ages of which remains exist. The Gothic Cathedral and the Roman Basilica show them. Sir Gore Ouseley, sixty years ago, thought he had found the relics of an extinct and novel language on the stones at the ruined city of Persepolis; what he copied turned out, on subsequent investigation, to be *Masons' marks*.

The investigations of Col. Warren, under the auspices of the Topographical Engineers of England, lately made on the site of the Temple of King Solomon, at Jerusalem, have been fruitful in this particular. In the lower courses of the wall which sustains the platform whereon the Temple stood, the courses now covered fifty to ninety feet deep with broken work and other débris, he found abundance of these *Masons' marks* on the stones lying in the courses, and also in the vaults and tunnels under the platform. There for near three thousand years they have remained hidden from human sight. Scholars recognize many of these marks as Phenician characters, thereby giving another confirmation to the declaration of Kings and Chronicles that the craftsmen and art of Masonry were imported into Jerusalem from Phenicia.

Still other researches in Palestine, since attention has been

drawn to these witnesses on the state of the art, have discovered them, at the ruins of Palmyra in the desert, upon some mosques of early date, also in Hebron and many other places in Syria, and one authority says that on Egyptian temples far earlier in date than the Temple of Solomon, the like marks are found still fresh, after thirty-five centuries. Some of these marks of Masons have another purpose, viz., to connect the stone with the plan of the building, and indicate the course in which it is to be laid and its position. Simple as this link in the chain of evidence may appear, it not only connects the antique with the modern Masonic art, but is a source of other important deductions.

In India, also, these Mason marks are found on the stones of ancient temples, — and, what is remarkable, often in conjunction with several symbols of Masonic Lodges of to-day. The scholars and philologists who have gone so far in collecting evidence of Aryan origin and migration have considered all these marks with that purpose in their minds, and many are struck with the number of them which resemble or are identical with the ancient caste marks of India.

I regret I cannot reproduce here the drawings of these marks; some are to be found in Lyons' history of Masonry in Scotland, others in King's remains of Gnostic art; and others in Jennings' recondite work on a branch of our Craft; others are found in the Orient unveiled, and in the Recovery of Jerusalem; others doubtless exist in works to which my attention has not been called. Some I have seen in the Nabethian alphabet. In due time archæological students will collect and discourse on the teachings of the whole; forming, as they do, a chain of evidence of the progress and succession of the Masonic art, through many peoples and many ages, we must regard the further prosecution of their labors on these simple relics with the deepest interest.

It is argued by learned architects, and I believe now conceded, that the arch can be traced from the era of the Pyramid to the present time, and Wilkinson says even the pointed Gothic and Saracenic arches are deducible from the earliest

Egyptian. Various columns and styles of architecture of ancient ages retaining their conventional proportions and capitals, sometimes with a few modifications, but oftener in purity, are accepted and in use to-day.

Thus also of the decorations known as the egg and tongue mouldings. The tools of the ancient Egyptian artisans have been found and resemble in shape those in use at this day. The mallet and the wedge were found in the Pyramids, and Burton also found one in a tomb, with a basket of drills, chisels, bows, etc., that had lain there perhaps twenty centuries before Cambyzes invaded Egypt.

The working dress of the Egyptian Mason of the old times consisted of the apron, similar to what it now is; judging from the paintings yet extant; this, with a pair of sandals, constituted his entire working dress in hot weather.

My knowledge of Egyptian lore does not enable me to affirm with confidence the inference which may strike some of my readers; but it is singular that several of the numerous Egyptian kings, whose statues have been preserved, wear the apron without their royal robes. In the list of Egyptian antiquities in the British Museum, published by Sharpe, No. 61 is the statue of the King Pthamen Miothph, son of Ramises 2d, whose date is about 1120 B.C., whose only clothing is a short apron; this figure is given ch. 2, sect. 46, in the history of Egypt by the same author. A cast from his tomb also shows him wearing a similar apron. No. 26, of the same list, is the statue of King Oimeneptah, 2d, wearing no clothing but sandals and the apron. A cast from his tomb, also in the museum, shows the apron under a transparent gauze robe. Elsewhere I have seen drawings of two royal figures at the portal of some temple or tomb wearing the apron alone; but I do not recall the place where they are found. As everything of this sort was symbolic in Egypt, we may speculate whether the apron so worn, without the usual royal robes, by a king, the head of the priestly caste, did not indicate an initiation, undescribed by antiquarians, into the arcana of the sacred sculptors, draughtsmen and Masons who pertained to this caste.

The method of work has remained much the same; the Egyptian broached work was as perfect as it is now. The chisel draft on the cyclopean stones in the Temple foundations at Jerusalem is as just as on a dressed stone of to-day.

Another class of proofs of descent are found in the mystic designs of the old masters, carved on their slabs or constructed in their edifices, which are still in use. Layard, the explorer of the ruins of Nineveh and Babylon, was astonished to find the figure known as the Greek honeysuckle perfectly designed and used there; thence it passed into the architecture of ancient Greece, thence into Western Europe, and through modern church architecture to the present. It is of common use now, in its identical original form, both in Protestant and Catholic churches. What a proof of the tenacity with which the conventional clings in the Craft, where Zoroastrian, Chaldee, Pagan and Christian temples, in a succession of twenty-six hundred years, inherit and transmit the same mystic symbols alike to innovators and successors! Students also have traced and written many learned works, showing how certain mystic emblems of a faith, so early as almost to be prehistorical in its origin, have been transmitted, such as dome, pinnacle, and spire, through all successive eras to the present age; and, although their symbolic meaning has occulted from the general public, not merely retaining but gaining favor as new appliances render the art more capable of executing such designs with brilliancy. What traveller has not paused to gaze on the spires of Cologne and Strasburg, or to admire the domes of St. Peter, St. Sophia, St. Isaac, St. Paul, the latter the glorious work of our modern accepted Grand Master Wren. The round towers of Ireland and the needle of Cleopatra bear witness like these to the continuity of the conventional in the Masonic art. The mystic lesson derived from the form of the church, mosque, or temple in all ages, and held esoteric, is another link.

NOTE. — The royal apron, described by Wilkinson as being part of the royal dress, bears a striking similarity to the style of apron worn by Grand Masters. From his description it was worn as the Grand Master wears his.

Another curious instance of the conventional perversion of a symbol is in the brazen pillars which stood before the door of the Temple of Solomon. They are reproduced by the later Phenicians in the pillars of Hercules, which stood at the portal of the Mediterranean; but at this day, in Phenician-settled Spain, they are borne on the reverse of the silver dollar. Thus that which was once a symbol of life, the mystic basis of religion, among the profane, represents a mere dollar's worth of earth. Truly Solomon's successors are wiser than kings.

Considering the vast and varied knowledge on antique remains gathered by modern discoverers, we are justified to anticipate that ere long it will be demonstrated that conventional Masonic art was so allied with theology in ancient times, that every part of a temple taught a special lesson of its own; that form and symbol gave every stone a signification as perfect as a hieroglyphic character; and an initiate could read intelligibly the ideas embodied by the architect Mason in the building of Egyptian and Semitic temples as if they were written in the common language of the country. In those days there were sermons in stone, and the Champollion of art bearing the key is not many generations distant. Much of symbology, in the course of its long descent, and many migrations, has become so conventional a part of art that the original meaning has grown very obscure. Where the religion of a country has fundamentally changed; the forms and decorations of the temples, because they are symbolic, sometimes become modified to suit the change; but still, as Masonry is one art, they largely retain the impress of the past. Of this, did time allow, I could give many illustrations. So also inventions in the beauty of design have occasionally modified, but I think never obliterated, the conventional aspect of religious symbology. Egypt, Greece and Rome still are three radiant lights of the Masonic studio. For the burnt and buried Babylon, for the desolate Jerusalem, for the mouldered Semitic architecture of Tyre, of the plains, and of the mountains, we hold our lodge of sorrow, and cheer our longing souls with the faintest relics of their golden glory.

In putting forth my propositions I feel that some will be

appalled at the length of time included in the subject, and will hardly realize that many other parts of our civilization can be traced clearly, descending from prototypes as distant as Greek Masonry from our era.

Modern scholars and divines readily admit that the metaphysics of Aristotle, of Plato, and of that branch of Platonism that mingled with the Chaldean and Zoroastrian metaphysics in the school of Alexandria, are at the root of all present divisions and diversities in schools of theology. Modern science has reasoned its way from observation and proof, until now it declares the doctrines taught by Democritus, three centuries before our era, include the highest known expression of the cosmic theory of matter. Pythagoras, who brought into Europe from Egypt, the helio-centric theory of the universe, after a long obscurity, has his merits again recognized, and Euclid is of equal authority now as when he prepared his geometry. Three of the four book religions of the world are more than seventeen centuries old. In literature, the drama and oratory, we look to the classic ages for models. In the practical arts, those which yet depend on hand-skill, rather than on machinery, had then the habitudes they now have, joined to even greater skill. The goldsmith, the metal worker, the gem engraver, the sculptor and stone-cutter, the shipwright, the harness-maker and the hand-loom weaver, plied their trades, and their art descended generation by generation through their apprentices, moving from one centre of trade and wealth to another, in accordance with the laws of prosperity which govern civilization. Figure weaving and the India shawl are older than the days of Abraham, and the hand-loom in its pristine form is still used to weave the latter. The potter's wheel is still unimproved. The ship of to-day bears on her stern the carved lares and symbols which her prototypes bore in the days of Pagan Rome. The fashionable jewelry of to-day is copied from Etruscan and Egyptian models. The fine arts revel in the goddesses, nymphs and cupids of Greek design. Some of the mummies of Egypt reveal teeth plugged with gold as well as if an American dentist had tried his torturing tools on them. My limits forbid more illustrations of the conven-

tional ruts other artisans have lived and died in for more than sixty generations.

The present sum of human knowledge has been longer in accumulating than the records of history bear witness.. Even the few arts which are of modern origin, with rare exceptions, lean for support on more ancient arts. What reason is there to withhold from the Craft of Masonry the same inferences of a descent from the ancient Craft which is so readily accorded to other arts? Research into architecture would furnish further illustrations of the descent of this art, important in my view because the conventional images in art are the highest evidence of its continuous transmission. We must deal with the past from such materials as time, war and fanaticism have spared to come down to us. Masonry is replete with the actual relics of its ancient work. These attest for themselves. In the vulgar sense, except a few papyri snatched from Egyptian tombs, there are now extant no written records of those days which are original. There is no Jewish or Christian MS. extant earlier than the fourth, perhaps than the seventh, century in the date of its writing.

The conjecture as to the accuracy of a copy is sadly complicated, if it is the copy of copies many times removed from the original; but if copies of various known dates agree in the text it is held proof of an authentic line of descent, although the entire chain of copies back to the original is not produced or accounted for. The rocks last longer than parchment or paper; the chisel-marks endure better than ink. The memory of man spans little over seventy years; beyond that written records or stone records alike rest on reasonable conjecture for proof of authenticity. The dead generations cannot be gathered from the valley of the dry bones, and paraded as witnesses; you must interrogate the relics of their works and abide the reasonable inferences deduced from them.

Eastern art did not fall with Egypt, Babylon or Rome. The light of earlier times had not faded away when the energy of the Arab followers of Mahomet revived its flickering beams for nine centuries more. Upon these sources Europe drew for knowledge and skill in art, science, and philosophy—certainly till the close

of the fifteenth century. Oriental philosophy again interwove its metaphysics into European theology. Even the Crusaders, poor soldiers of the cross, learned not only war and art from their adversaries, but were charged with returning with their creeds imbued with more than one emanation from Eastern mysticism. Anderson, a hundred and fifty years ago, claimed they also brought Freemasonry from the East. Masonry, which had decayed in Europe with the eclipse of Roman civilization, became illumined by association with Saracenic skill, invented and perfected the Gothic art, and gradually, through Fraternities of trained Masons, spread it over Europe.

In the practical hands of the Master Masons it grew in grace and beauty, until it entirely superseded the debased Roman styles, and became the devotional art of mediæval times, symbolizing the mystic ideas of the dominant religion in those sublime cathedrals, still the objects of religious art. The organization of the Craft resembled that of the Egyptian and Greek of yore. The Masters were practical as well as scientific in architecture; the fellow-craft had the same manual skill, but inferior attainments, in the higher parts of the profession; the apprentice was glorious as usual over his modest progress. Their initiations and signs bound them into a close fraternity of grades. At York Minster, A.D. 1370, their contracts with the Chapter provided none should work on the chapel without the common consent of the Master and keepers of the work (Wardens?) and Master Masons. Their Mason marks are yet extant. The secrets of their art and Craft were kept by oral tradition, and protected by sacred obligations; and yet they were so free and liberal as often to admit high dignitaries of church and state, whose taste in art they were desirous of cultivating, into the mysteries of their Fraternity, which in truth was the only school for art in Europe. Like the Masons of Hiram of yore, these were travelling bodies, moving from one scene of labor to another, and, as they chose to contract, being in the direct employ of church or state, they were enabled to secure rare and valuable privileges indicated to the thoughtful by the name of Freemasons.

I cannot, indeed, claim for them, as for their Egyptian predecessors, that they were of priestly caste, yet they held like relations to church and state, for kings and bishops then rejoiced to be of the Masonic Craft, and still seek their Lodges with flattering alacrity.

Let me cite some mediæval illustrations drawn from the reviewer in the London Quarterly, before referred to, from whose valuable labors I have learned much:—

“Benedict, Abbot of Warmouth, in A.D. 676, crossed the ocean to Gaul, and brought back with him stone masons to make a church after the Roman fashion.”

“In A.D. 1174, by the just but occult judgment of God, the church of Christ at Canterbury was consumed by fire.” The monks took counsel with the English and French Masons, and finally committed the work to William of Sens, “a man active and ready, and, as a workman, skilful both in wood and stone,” who “went on preparing all things needful for the work, either of himself or by the agency of others.”

Thus also in the reign of Henry III., Bishop Grosstête describes the duty of the master: “In all kinds of workmanship the master of the works and workmen has the full power, as indeed it is his duty, to investigate, and examine,” etc.; “and this he should do, not only through others, but when it is needful with his own hands.”

Hope says, “Many ecclesiastics of the highest rank conferred additional weight on the order of Freemasons by becoming its members.”

“In 1442 King Henry VI. became a Mason. Afterwards, in conjunction with Thirske, Master Mason of the chapel of King Henry V., the king laid out the plan of his own sepulchre.”

Investigations have cumulated instances of gentlemen of quality that were crafted members of Masonic Lodges in Great Britain, elsewhere than at York, during more than a century prior to the London organization of 1717. Gov. Belcher, of Massachusetts, states he was admitted in 1704; Elias Ashmole, in his diary, says he and Col. Mainwaring were

so made in 1646 in England; and the records in Scotland, cited by Lyon and by Hughan, among many others, show Boswell, of Auchinleck, was present as a member in 1600, and made his Masonic mark on the record of Edinburgh Lodge.* The records of Kilwinning and of the Lodge at Aberdeen show numerous earls, lords, ministers, lawyers and merchants, etc., were members in that century.†

I forbear further citations, nor shall I attempt to tell you when or how these Masons absorbed the speculative parts of their royal art, which we, their successors, yet practice under the landmarks of their Ancient Constitutions. There was something elevated in the esoteric doctrines of these travelling Lodges, that drew to them not merely the learned and generous among the great, but also the few believers in human progress, and the scattered but earnest seekers after the deep truths occulted in nature's laboratory, long before Freemasonry ceased to be a manual art.

With the renaissance, came in vogue the separation of the duties of an architect from those of a Master Mason; but we have copies of Constitutions, written earlier than this, which demonstrate that modern Freemasonry descended from the cathedral building craft whose Master Masons were men of science as well as of manual skill.

Conscious that I have merely begun to collect the available materials to illustrate my subject, I should apologize for presenting an unfinished labor to your attention, were my object other than to arrest hasty conclusions, by showing that candor requires this broad field for exploration should be fairly exhausted before the annalist or the Craft are entitled to sit in judgment on the question of the origin of the royal art, or to

* Lord Wm. Alexander, who settled with a Colony in Nova Scotia in 1628 as their Governor, on his return was made a Mason by Edinburg Lodge, July 8, 1634. He was one of the Grantees and Council for New England from January of that year till his death.

† The Statute 84 Ed. 3, ch. 9, A.D. 1360, and of 3 Hy. 6, A.D. 1425, clearly enough indicate there were three progressive degrees among the Masons; that they were *oath*-bound, and held congregations, chapters and general assemblies, and also that the chief masters often took works by contract in gross.

demand that this which now rests in tradition, an open question, shall be relegated into the field of established truth. Late historians elucidating early records have wrought confusion on many disparagers of the early history of our organizations, and I trust to be pardoned for thinking that even traditions are capable of receiving much light, when their credibility is examined with a catholic spirit by appropriate tests. The accumulated evidence of descent of many designs, symbols, decorations, tools and usages now in use, their conventional character, the similarity of organization of the Craft, the liberal knowledge possessed by its Masters, the broad scope of the science of Masonry from the first, and the mystic flavor it seems always to have drawn from its exterior connections, have deeply impressed my mind. The Masonic student alone can collate evidence from these sources with success. The darkness comprehended not the light, and I may conclude by quoting the language of one who seems to have known the light in the sixteenth century:—

“And though our structure should be seen by a hundred thousand men, it will ever remain untouched, uninjured, unseen, and even hidden in all eternity to the Godless world, ‘*Sub umbra alarum tuam Jehovah.*’ until that millennial epoch when that which is now known to few, and portrayed secretly in pictures and symbols, shall fill the whole earth, and be loudly and freely announced.”

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed at fifteen minutes past five o'clock P.M. in AMPLE FORM.

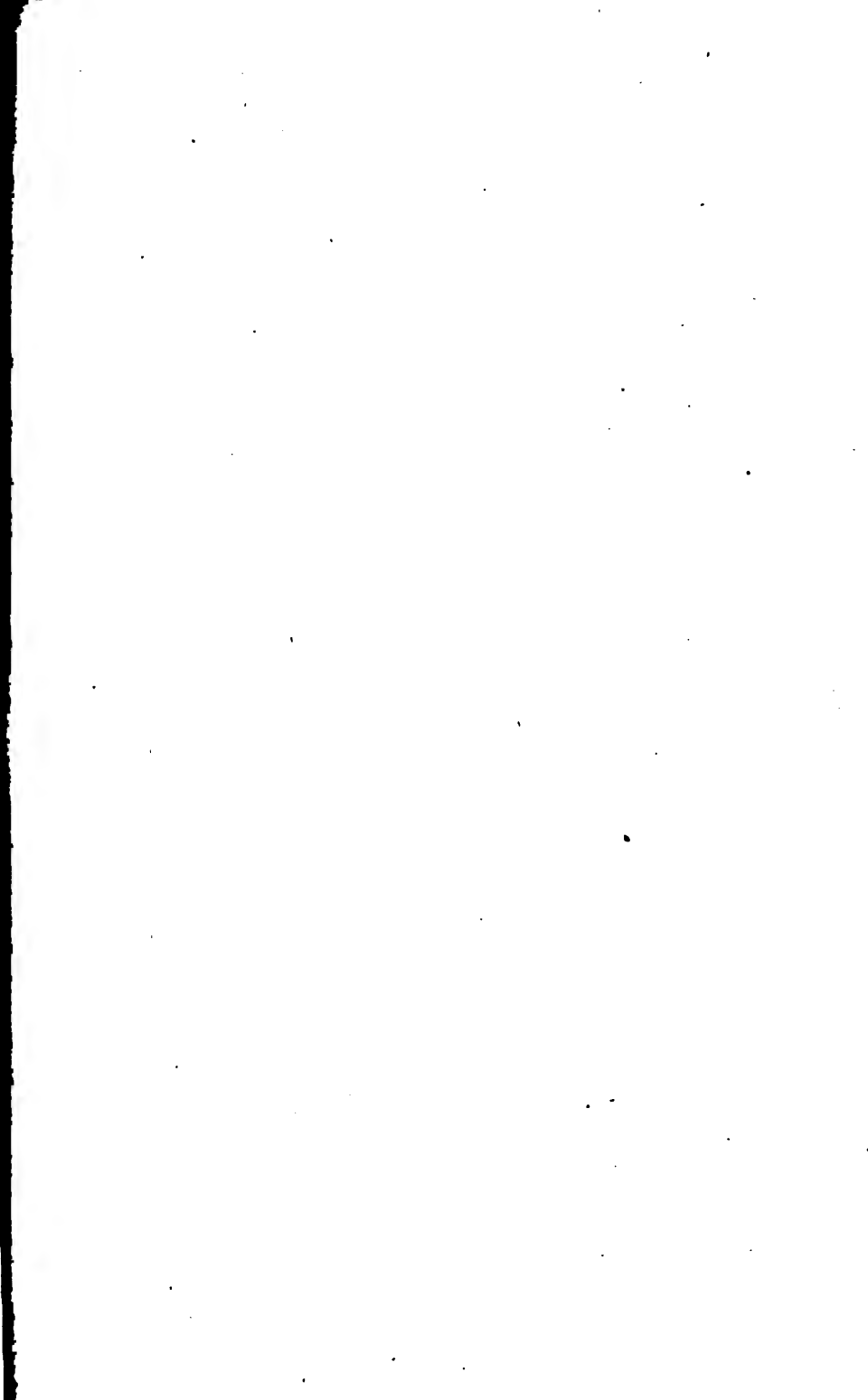
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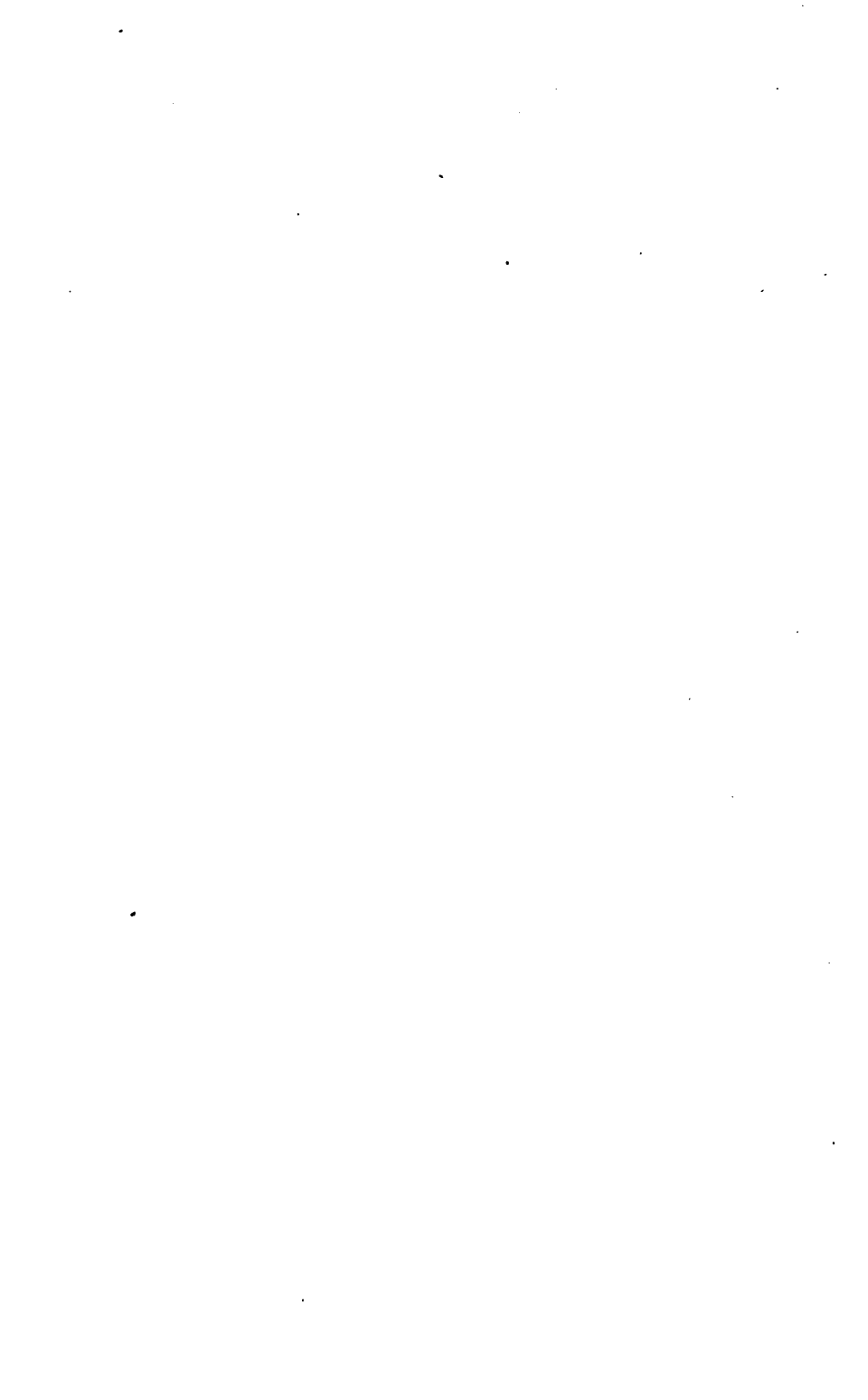
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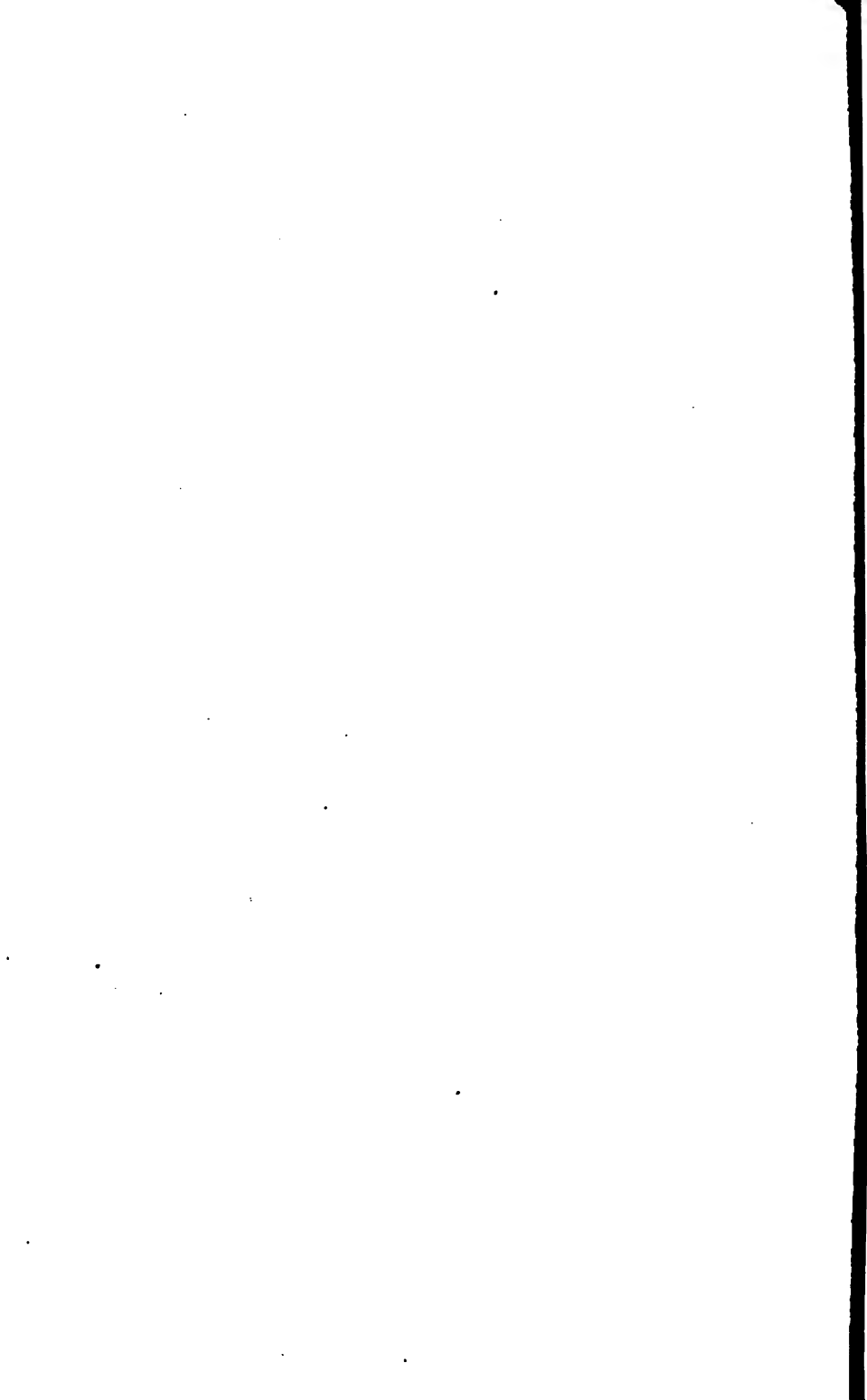
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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 8, A. L. 5875.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the
Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednes-
day, the eighth day of December, A. L. 5875, A. D.
1875.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT	Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS	" " District No. 2.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH .	" " District No. 3.

R.W. GEORGE F. HOMER . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED . . .	" " District No. 5.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER . . .	" " District No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS . . .	" " District No. 7.
R.W. BOWDOIN S. PARKER . . .	" " District No. 8.
R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN . . .	" " District No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	" " District No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . .	" " District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHODS . . .	" " District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . .	" " District No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD . . .	" " District No. 15.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN . . .	" " District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	" " District No. 17.
R.W. JOHN WETHERBEE . . .	" " District No. 18.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, } W. CHARLES M. AVERY, } W. J. FRANCIS LOTT, }	Grand Lecturers.
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, } W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, } W. HENRY STEPHENSON, }	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. BAYLIES SANFORD, JR. . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. FREDERICK D. ELY, } W. HENRY S. BUNTON, }	Grand Pursuivants.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES . . .	as Grand Tyler.

-PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER . . .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . . .	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. REV. E. M. P. WELLS . . .	" " " "
B.W. REV. LUCIUS B. PAIGE . . .	" " " "

R.W. G. WASHINGTON WARREN	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. MARSHALL P. WILDER	" " " "
R.W. JOEL SPALDING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	" " "
R.W. DAVID W. CRAFTS	" " "
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER	" " "
R.W. ISAAC H. WRIGHT	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	" " "
R.W. HENRY MULLIKEN	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	" " "
R.W. ELLJAH W. BURR	" " "
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	" " "

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

W. OTIS E. WELD.	R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH.
W. HENRY G. FAY.	W. HENRY J. PARKER.
W. JAMES MILLS.	W. NATHANIEL GREENE.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI.	W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS.
W. JOEL SEAVENS.	

LODGES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

ABERDOUR	Henry F. Ames . . .	Master.
	Charles H. Johnson .	Senior Warden.
ACONCAGUA	Increase S. Pote . .	Proxy.
ADELPHI	J. Elliot Bond . . .	Master.
	Nelson E. Hollace . .	Senior Warden.
ALFRED BATLIES . .	William F. Bodfish .	Master.
AMICABLE	Samuel D. Young . .	Senior Warden.
	William L. Lathrop .	Junior Warden.
ANCIENT LANDMARK .	William F. Salmon . .	Proxy.
ANCIENT YORK . . .	Lucien P. Stacy . . .	Master.
ASHLER	Jason L. Curtis . . .	Senior Warden.
ATHELSTAN	Charles S. Day . . .	Master.
	Bowman Adams, Jr. .	Junior Warden.

ATHOL	Erastus Smith	Proxy.
BAALBEC	Richard M. Ingalls . .	Proxy.
BAY STATE	Dan Field	Senior Warden.
BELCHER	Edgar T. Paige	Master.
	James Flint, Jr.	Senior Warden.
BERKSHIRE	Daniel Upton	Proxy.
BETHANY	Frank Wiggin	Master.
BETHESDA (Brighton)	S. T. P. Martin	Master.
BETHESDA (Valparaiso)	T. G. Wadman	Proxy.
BETH-HORON	James W. Edgerly . . .	Master.
BLACKSTONE RIVER . .	Leonard T. Gaskill . .	Senior Warden.
	Samuel S. White	Proxy.
BLUE HILL	Freeman J. Sawyer . . .	Master.
	Isaac W. Cushman . . .	Senior Warden.
BRISTOL	Samuel H. Bugbee . . .	Master.
	Charles E. Smith	Junior Warden.
CALEB BUTLER	Benjamin H. Hartwell .	Master.
CHARITY	David Howe	Junior Warden.
CHARLES A. WELCH . .	John Hickland	Master.
	John Proudman	Senior Warden.
	Warren S. Peters	Junior Warden.
CHARLES C. DAME . . .	Isaac Wilson	Senior Warden.
CHARLES H. TITUS . .	Walter S. Sprague . . .	Master.
	George H. Rhodes	Senior Warden.
	Edward W. Harlow	Junior Warden.
CHICOPEE	Richmond Danks	Senior Warden.
CINCINNATUS	John A. Brewer	Master.
COCHICHEWICK	John Parkhurst	Master.
	Robert Brookhouse, Jr. .	Senior Warden.
	Charles P. Morrill	Junior Warden.
COLUMBIAN	William J. Stevens . . .	Master.
	Frederick Alford	Junior Warden.
CORINTHIAN	Henry F. Smith	Master.
	Hiram W. Blaisdell . . .	Proxy.
CORNER STONE	George H. Bonney, Jr. . .	Master.
CRESCENT	Henry Chickering	Proxy.
DALHOUSIE	Stephen W. Trowbridge .	Master.
	Charles N. Brackett . . .	Senior Warden.
DELTA	William S. Wallace . . .	Master.
DORIC	Lyman Morse	Master.
ELEUSIS	Edward C. Morris	Master.
ELIOT	George B. Ager	Master.

EUREKA	James L. Sherman . . .	Master.
	Ansel G. Baker . . .	Senior Warden.
	William T. Soule . . .	Junior Warden.
EVENING STAR	D. M. Wilcox	Master.
EXCELSIOR	John D. Stetson . . .	Master.
EZEKIEL BATES	Herbert N. Mason . . .	Junior Warden.
FAITH	Joseph W. Hill	Senior Warden.
FELLOWSHIP	Francis M. Kingman . .	Senior Warden.
	George M. Hooper . . .	Junior Warden.
FRATERNAL	George J. Miller . . .	Proxy.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	William H. Ruddick . .	Master.
	John W. Crowell . . .	Junior Warden.
GERMANIA	Charles Stephan . . .	Master.
GOLDEN FLEECE	T. Frederick Martin . .	Master.
	George H. Allen	Senior Warden.
GOOD SAMARITAN	Daniel A. Emery	Master.
	Henry Manley	Junior Warden.
GRECIAN	Merrill N. Howe . . .	Master.
	Charles H. Littlefield .	Proxy.
GREYLOOK	Lucius C. Rand	Master.
	James E. Hunter	Senior Warden.
HAMMATT	Rufus C. Clay	Master.
HAMPDEN	Lawrence W. Hatch . .	Master.
	Asher Bartlett	Senior Warden.
	James S. Brown	Junior Warden.
HAMPSHIRE	John W. Lyman	Master.
HENRY PRICE	George T. Littlefield .	Senior Warden.
HOPE	William Stone	Master.
HUNTINGTON	Charles Fay	Master.
HYDE PARK	Fergus A. Easton . . .	Master.
	William H. Ingersoll . .	Senior Warden.
IONIC (Easthampton)	William E. Spooner . .	Senior Warden.
ISAAC PARKER	John E. Whitcomb . . .	Master.
JAMES OTIS	Freeman H. Lothrop . .	Master.
JOHN ABBOT	George H. Allen	Senior Warden.
	Charles J. Richardson .	Junior Warden.
JOHN CUTLER	Samuel E. Ring	Master.
	Albert F. Kelly	Senior Warden.
	Joseph F. French . . .	Junior Warden.
JOHN HANCOCK	Benjamin M. Hall . . .	Master.
	Henry N. Hall	Junior Warden.
JOHN WARREN	Richard E. Thomas . . .	Master.

JORDAN	S. A. Southwick . .	Master.
	Thomas H. Johnson .	Senior Warden.
JOSEPH WARREN . .	James M. Gleason . .	Junior Warden.
KING DAVID	Henry M. Hopkins . .	Master.
	Abner Coleman . . .	Senior Warden.
KING HIRAM	F. A. H. Gifford . .	Junior Warden.
KING SOLOMON . . .	William H. Crowell .	Master.
KONOHASSETT . . .	David Bates	Senior Warden.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands)	Horatio W. Brown . .	Master.
	Samuel F. Ham . . .	Senior Warden.
	John O. Smith	Junior Warden.
LAFAYETTE (North Adams)	Alexander W. Fulton .	Master.
	Rufus G. Walden . .	Proxy.
MARINERS	Bennett W. Dottridge .	Junior Warden.
	Augustus M. Fisher .	Proxy.
MASSACHUSETTS . .	Charles D. Annable .	Master.
MERRIMACK	Hazen K. Swasey . .	Master.
	George V. Ladd . . .	Senior Warden.
	Albert B. Batchelder .	Junior Warden.
MIDDLESEX	Charles J. Frost . . .	Master.
	George H. Waterman .	Senior Warden.
	Edwin Moulthrop . .	Junior Warden.
MIZPAH	George E. Ryder . . .	Master.
MONITOR	Luman N. Hall	Master.
	William Shakespeare .	Senior Warden.
	Nathan Warren . . .	Junior Warden.
MONTACUTE	Henry D. Barber . . .	Master.
	George D. Boyden . .	Junior Warden.
MONTGOMERY	Thomas C. Eastman . .	Master.
	Daniel Reed	Senior Warden.
MORNING STAR . . .	Clarke Earle	Master.
	Albert J. Stone . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT CARMEL . . .	Charles E. Chase . . .	Master.
	Charles C. Fry	Senior Warden.
MOUNT HERMON . . .	William A. Webber . .	Master.
MOUNT HOPE	William J. Burt . . .	Master.
MOUNT HOREB (Wo- burn)	A. V. Haynes	Master.
	Charles H. Buss . . .	Senior Warden.
	Charles A. Jones . . .	Junior Warden.

MOUNT HOREB (West

Harwich)	Luther Fisk	Master.
MOUNT LEBANON . . .	Warren B. Ellis . . .	Master.
	James M. Drew . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT MORIAH . . .	George W. Turner . . .	Master.
MOUNT OLIVET . . .	James A. Martin . . .	Master.
	Samuel Kempton . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT TABOR . . .	Martin M. Hancock . . .	Master.
	Charles G. Brooks . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT VERNON . . .	Edwin A. Kelley . . .	Junior Warden.
MYSTIC	William H. Murray . . .	Senior Warden.
NORFOLK	Emery Grover . . .	Master.
	James E. Chapman . . .	Senior Warden.
	Edward A. Mills . . .	Junior Warden.
NORFOLK UNION . . .	Hiram C. Alden . . .	Junior Warden.
NORTH STAR	Melvin S. Jones . . .	Senior Warden.
	Edward P. Twitchell . . .	Junior Warden.
OCCIDENTAL	Henry J. Dunham . . .	Master.
OLD COLONY	Charles W. S. Seymour . . .	Master.
OLIVE BRANCH . . .	Samuel E. Hull . . .	Master.
	Joseph W. Seagrave . . .	Senior Warden.
	Edward J. Humphries . . .	Junior Warden.
ORANGE	Albert H. Davis . . .	Master.
	C. A. Towne	Senior Warden.
	R. W. Rand	Junior Warden.
ORIENT	James A. Rhoads . . .	Master.
	Lewis Smith, Jr. . . .	Senior Warden.
	Walter C. Shapleigh . . .	Junior Warden.
ORPHAN'S HOPE . . .	Leavitt Bates	Master.
	Thomas H. Humphrey . . .	Senior Warden.
OXFORD	Henry W. Putnam . . .	Proxy.
PALESTINE	Charles F. Atwood . . .	Master.
	Columbus Corey . . .	Junior Warden.
PAUL REVERE	Albert C. Thompson . . .	Master.
	John S. Fuller	Senior Warden.
PENTUCKET	Frederick Frye	Master.
	Charles H. Richardson . . .	Senior Warden.
PEQUOSSETTE	Charles H. Bradlee . . .	Junior Warden.
PHENICIOIAN	Thomas Leyland . . .	Master.
	Andrew C. Stone . . .	Senior Warden.
	John Haigh	Proxy.
PILGRIM	Shubael B. Kelley . . .	Master.

PIONEER	John G. Tinkham . .	Master.
PLYMOUTH	Charles I. Litchfield .	Master.
	Josiah C. Fuller . .	Proxy.
PURITAN	Nathaniel Pratt . .	Master.
QUINEBAUG	John M. Cochran . .	Master.
	Otis S. Brainard . .	Senior Warden.
RABBONI	George W. Kingman .	Master.
	Francis C. Choate . .	Senior Warden.
REPUBLICAN	George Wilby . . .	Senior Warden.
	Henry L. Miller . .	Junior Warden.
REVERE	Joseph B. Mason . .	Master.
	William R. Cooke . .	Senior Warden.
RISEING STAR	Leander G. Britton .	Master.
ROBERT LASH	Franklin O. Barnes .	Senior Warden.
ROSWELL LEE	Frederick G. Southmayd	Junior Warden.
SAINT ALBAN'S	Seranus Bowen . . .	Junior Warden.
SAINT ANDREW'S	William Parkman, Jr.	Master.
SAINT BERNARD	John F. Pearl . . .	Master.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston)	William H. Thomes .	Master.
	Martin A. Munroe . .	Junior Warden.
SAINT JOHN'S (New-		
buryport)	Nathaniel Tilton . .	Senior Warden.
SAINT MARTIN'S	Harrison Hamilton .	Senior Warden.
SAINT MATTHEW'S	George S. Cole . . .	Master.
SAINT PAUL (Ayer)	Rector T. Bartlett .	Senior Warden.
	Charles W. Mason . .	Junior Warden.
	E. Dana Bancroft . .	Proxy.
SAINT PAUL'S (South		
Boston).	Hollis R. Gray . . .	Senior Warden.
	James L. Wilson . .	Junior Warden.
SILOAM	Henry Jackson . . .	Senior Warden.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE	Daniel W. Taft . . .	Master.
SPENCER	Isaac Niles	Senior Warden.
STAR IN THE EAST	William M. Arnold .	Master.
	Ezekiel C. Gardiner .	Senior Warden.
	William W. Atwood .	Junior Warden.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	Charles S. Beatley . .	Master.
STARR KING	Henry A. Brown . . .	Master.
TEMPLE	Frank E. Sullivan . .	Senior Warden.
THOMAS	James B. Shaw . . .	Senior Warden.
TRINITY	Henry O. Sawyer . .	Master.
TUSCAN	William S. Miller . .	Master.

UNION (Nantucket)	Benjamin F. Brown	Master.
UPTON	Edwin F. Nickerson	Master.
WARREN	Moses M. Dennett	Master.
	William Smeath	Senior Warden.
	Augustus M. Parry	Junior Warden.
WASHINGTON	Robert G. Molineaux	Master.
	Solomon A. Bolster	Senior Warden.
WEBSTER	Cortland Wood	Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	Charles I. Hitchins	Master.
	Albert H. Sweetser	Senior Warden.
	William Thomas	Junior Warden.
WILLIAMS	George Brown	Master.
WINSLOW LEWIS . . .	L. Cushing Kimball	Master.
	George R. Marble	Senior Warden.
WISDOM	William J. Ray	Master.
WYOMING	William A. Remick	Master.
	John L. Randall	Senior Warden.
ZETLAND	Thomas Waterman	Master.

R.W. Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, Past Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, was present, seated on the right of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

The records of the Special Communication of August 6, 1875, and the Quarterly Communication of September 8, 1875, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The Records of the Special Communications of September 28, 1875, at Brookline, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Apartments of Beth-horon Lodge; and November 12, 1875, at

Chicopee, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Apartments of Chicopee Lodge and installing its officers, were read and approved.

Amendments to By-laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-laws: —

WILLIAM SUTTON, Saugus.	MONTGOMERY, Milford.
HAMMATT, East Boston.	MOUNT OLIVET, Cambridge.
JAMES OTIS, Barnstable.	CHICOPEE, Chicopee.

Proxies from the following Lodges were presented, and the Brethren therein named were recognized accordingly: —

BERKSHIRE LODGE, South Adams, in favor of R.W. BRO. DANIEL UPTON.

BAALBEC LODGE, East Boston, in favor of W. BRO. RICHARD M. INGALLS.

OXFORD LODGE, Oxford, in favor of BRO. HENRY W. PUTNAM.

ACONCAGUA LODGE, Valparaiso, Chili, S. A., in favor of W. BRO. INCREASE S. POTE.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, Concord, in favor of BRO. HIRAM W. BLAISDELL.

PHOENICIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN HAIGH.

CRESCENT LODGE, Pittsfield, in favor of R.W. BRO. HENRY CHICKERING.

ATHOL LODGE, Athol, in favor of W. BRO. ERASTUS SMITH.

BLACKSTONE RIVER LODGE, Blackstone, in favor of W. BRO. SAMUEL S. WHITE.

The proceedings relating to the organization of the new Grand Lodge of Dakota were submitted by the Grand Secretary, and were referred to

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, and W. Alonzo B. Wentworth.

R.W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, in behalf of Bro. George H. Smith, now residing in London, presented to the Grand Lodge a most artistic portrait of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, arrayed in full regalia as Grand Master. He addressed the Grand Lodge, by invitation of the Grand Master, in the following words: —

REMARKS OF R.W. THOMAS A. DOYLE, ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE PORTRAIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Most Worshipful Grand Master : —

I am here to-day in obedience to the wish of a Brother of my own Lodge, now residing in London, who desires to express his great respect for this ancient Grand Lodge, and has requested me to speak in his behalf on this occasion.

The true history of Masonry is unwritten, and the Masonic student believes that it must ever so remain, for the reason that it is so interwoven with the lives of individuals, the history of nations and governments, that it is impossible to trace where the one begins or the other stops.

The influence that Masonry has exerted upon the lives of individuals, upon the formation, continuance and downfall of governments, and upon the welfare of nations, may be traced, perhaps, by the Mason, as he reads the history of each ; but to him who reads not by the light of Masonry, to the *profane*, its influence is unseen, and to him the workings of the Mystic Institution is a sealed book.

That Masonry is so silent and secret in its operations is not

merely accidental, any more than are the operations of nature, for we believe that our Institution is as much a part of the Divine plan as the works of nature so amply and beneficently furnished for the comfort and benefit of man. It is because of this that Freemasonry cannot be destroyed, that it survives the attacks of enemies and flourishes despite the powerful opposition of even Rome itself. As well attempt to stop the light of the sun or of the moon as to blot Freemasonry from the earth.

Occasionally events have occurred in the history of the Institution, the influence of which upon the Institution and mankind is apparent, not only to the initiated, but to those without the Order, and such an event has transpired within the present year. The influence of the event referred to upon Freemasonry and upon the world will be traced for generations to come as easily as the course of a stream is seen in its various windings from its source to the mighty ocean into which it empties.

I refer to the resignation of the office of Grand Master of Masons of England, by the Marquis of Ripon, and the installation of the Prince of Wales as his successor. That this resignation was dictated by the "Prisoner of the Vatican," there can be no doubt; that it was intended as a blow at the only organization that really confronts the powerful Roman Church cannot be doubted, and that the blow has produced an effect directly contrary to what was anticipated is plainly read of all men. It is not the first time in history that Papal decrees have failed in the effects they were intended to secure, and in this instance we have seen Masonry strengthened and given a power that it never possessed before. Already its influence is felt in England, and it will continue to increase in power as the years pass on; and although we may not see the full fruit thereof, yet in future years that installation scene will stand out as one of the great events in history. And what a scene that was, that

even he, the chief actor in it, — accustomed from birth to pageants, to receptions and imposing ceremonials, educated to control his feelings and exercise restraint in public, — even he could not suppress his natural impulses, and in his emotion betrayed the grandeur of the hour.

As a memorial of his devotion to the Masonic institution, the Prince of Wales allowed his photograph to be taken in his own room, while clothed in his official clothing as the Grand Master of Masons. One of these elegantly finished pictures, Bro. George H. Smith, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Providence, has forwarded to this Grand Lodge, and in his name I ask you to accept it; and to receive it as a slight testimonial of his veneration for this Body and his regard for the Masonic Institution. He also desires that it may find a place upon your walls as a memorial of the great event of which I have spoken.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, my task is done; I have performed the duty our Brother assigned to me, but I cannot take my seat without saying a few words of a more personal nature.

It is many years since I have had the gratification of sitting in this Grand Lodge at a Regular Communication, and to-day as I have looked over this hall and seen the representatives of the Craft in this jurisdiction gathered in such numbers, and transacting with quiet dignity the business presented for their consideration, I have thought, how through its long history this Body has been distinguished for its fidelity to the principles of Freemasonry, and I feel that here these principles will still continue to be acted upon and preserved.

I have thought, also, of the long line of great and good men who have been numbered with this Body, and who in the world at large have been held in high esteem by their fellow-men, winning for themselves honorable names in all the walks of

life. With such a record may I not say that the influence of this Body has been a great power for good, not only in this Commonwealth, but wherever her sons have gone?

I have recalled, to-day, the hours of social and fraternal intercourse I have enjoyed with the Masons of this jurisdiction, and the emotions of the hour have well-nigh overpowered me, as I am reminded by the marble on either side of those who so recently have gone out from your number. Their features are here, but their spirits have passed to the Upper Lodge. How vividly I am reminded to-day of their services to Masonry, and of the great loss you sustained in their departure, and not you alone, but all who knew them! They belonged to Masonry, and were loved and honored by a host, not only within, but without, your borders. They were very near and dear to me, and I could not omit this slight tribute to their glorious memory.

We remain to cherish their memories, and to work for the perpetuation of the Institution they loved so well. May their faithful labors incite us to greater faithfulness, and as we recall the happy hours we have passed with them, and realize that they are waiting for us "on the farther shore," let us also remember that those

" . . . we mourn are with us yet,
And more than ever ours!
Ours, by the pledge of love and faith;
By hopes of heaven on high;
By trust, triumphant over death,
In immortality!"

Past Grand Master R.W. Bro. John T. Heard, in response to the foregoing remarks of Bro. Doyle, submitted the following remarks and accompanying motion:—

REMARKS OF R.W. JOHN T. HEARD, ON THE RECEPTION
OF THE PORTRAIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Most Worshipful:—

I have listened attentively and with pleasure to the appropriate and eloquent remarks of Brother Doyle. He well represents Brother George H. Smith, now residing in London, England, who is the liberal donor to this Grand Lodge of the beautiful and artistic portrait of the Prince of Wales, the present Grand Master of England. I rise to make a motion, but before doing so would say a few words.

Allusion has been made to the late Grand Master of England, the Marquis of Ripon. I would not in the least degree censure a man for obeying his religious convictions; but I have felt that the Marquis was not free from blame,—he knowing the benevolent character of Freemasonry as existing in England and the United States,—in not, even while he was taking upon himself Catholicism, making known to the Hierarch at Rome the spirit and objects of our Institution. As an honest and conscientious man he should have done so; and should have had the courage to defend and uphold the noble principles, which he had professed to sustain, of a Body of men over whom he had been honored to preside as their chief. But, on the contrary, he yielded ignominiously to the prejudices of the priesthood!

The Grand Lodge of England were most happy in their selection of a Grand Master to succeed the Marquis, namely, EDWARD, the present Prince of Wales, several of whose ancestors were Masons; who did not deem it derogatory to their stations to affiliate with our Brotherhood. I would mention three of them.

FREDERICK, Prince of Wales, who died in 1751, was the father of GEORGE III. He was initiated in 1737, "at an occasional Lodge, convened for the purpose, at the palace of Kew,

over which Dr. Desaguliers presided as Master." "His Royal Highness was advanced to the Second Degree at the same Lodge; and at another Lodge, convened at the same place soon after, was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason." The record does not show that he ever held any office in Masonry.

GEORGE, Prince of Wales, afterwards King GEORGE IV. He was born August 12, 1762, and died June 26, 1830. He was the grand-uncle of the present Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness was made a Mason in 1787, at an occasional Lodge, convened for the purpose, at the Star and Garter Tavern, Pall Mall, over which the Duke of Cumberland presided. In 1790 he was elected Grand Master, and on the 2d of May, 1792, he was installed into the office. He was chosen Grand Master of Scotland in 1806, in order that the "strictest union and most intimate communication should subsist" between the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. When, in 1811, he became Regent of the United Kingdom, he resigned as Grand Master; but "soon after graciously condescended to accept the title of GRAND PATRON of the Order." His accession to the crown occurred in 1820.

EDWARD, Duke of Kent, the grandfather of the present Grand Master of England, was initiated into Masonry in the Union Lodge, at Geneva, in 1790. He was the third brother of George IV., and died in 1820. His daughter, Queen Victoria, was born in 1819. On the resignation of the Duke of ATHOL as Grand Master, in 1813, of the *Ancient* Grand Lodge, so called, he was elected to that station with the view to bring about a reconciliation, or union, between that Body and the *Modern* Grand Lodge, so called, whose Grand Master was the Duke of SUSSEX. The Union of the two Bodies was, happily, accomplished, and has existed to the present time. To the Dukes of KENT and

Sussex are the Fraternity of England indebted for harmonizing differences among Masons which should never have existed.

The consanguinity of the present Grand Master of England to the distinguished Brethren I have named, makes him, also, their proper Masonic representative.

I move the following vote :—

Voted, That this Grand Lodge would express their warmest thanks to Brother George H. Smith, of Providence, R. I., for the portrait of the Prince of Wales, the present Grand Master of England, which has been, in his behalf, presented in such felicitous terms by R.W. Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, Past Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island.

The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Brothers Doyle and Heard were requested by vote of the Grand Lodge to write out the remarks made by them, that the same may be preserved and spread upon our records.

The Auditing Committee presented their Annual Report, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, December 8, 1875.

The Auditing Committee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge have attended to their duty, and would submit the following report :—

They have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to have been correctly and accurately kept and his payments duly authorized and properly vouched.

For the year ending December 8, 1875, his receipts have been as follows :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last year's account,	\$8,045 49
Cash from notes,	30,600 00
“ “ rents, gas, etc.,	25,464 90
“ “ Lodges under Dispensation,	305 00
Return of Insurance premiums, and for heating stores,	299 79
District Deputy Grand Masters for Returns,	31,193 02
From return interest,	92 55
Total receipts,	<u>\$95,908 75</u>

The payments are as follows :—

PAYMENTS.

For Taxes, 1874,	\$7,514 55
“ “ 1875,	6,555 45
Paid Provident Institution for Savings, on account of mortgage note,	10,000 00
Notes paid,	25,000 00
Insurance for three years,	2,300 00
Interest,	22,714 18
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters and other Grand Officers,	2,369 63
Printing and binding,	2,491 85
Furniture, regalia and repairs on Temple,	557 58
Heating, gas and salary of Engineer,	3,728 64
Superintendent's salary and cleaning of Temple,	2,883 33
Salaries of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary,	8,000 00
Expense attending the exemplification of the work,	1,064 83
Paid city of Boston for high water service,	886 49
Funeral expenses,	403 82
Charity and annuities,	1,950 00
Copying and engrossing,	690 00
Sundry small bills,	108 11
Leaving cash on hand carried to new account,	1,691 34
Total payments,	<u>\$95,908 75</u>

The present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is as follows : —

Mortgage to Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston,	\$260,000 00
Due to Masonic Bodies,	37,200 00
Due to Third National Bank of Boston,	5,000 00
Total debt,	<u>\$302,200 00</u>
Less cash on hand,	\$1,691 84
“ rents due,	516 93
	<u>\$2,208 27</u>
Leaving present amount of debt at	<u><u>\$299,991 78</u></u>

Your committee would further report that they have examined the records of the Recording Grand Secretary, and find them properly and correctly kept and accurately transcribed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL P. OLIVER,
OTIS E. WELD,
Committee.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report of the Sinking Fund, which was accepted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER ON SINKING FUND.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
December 8, 1875.

The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year from the District Deputy Grand Masters : —

For members' tax and commutation	\$21,406 50
Amount reported previously	165,433 25
Making a total of receipts under decree passed March 13, 1867, of	<u>\$186,839 75</u>

All of which has been applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the debt upon the Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McCLELLAN,

Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master read his Annual Report.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:—

The past year has been one of peculiar interest to the Craft in this jurisdiction, and although our happiness has been shadowed by sorrows, yet the general prosperity of the Fraternity throughout the State is most encouraging.

Since our last Annual Communication, two of our permanent members have been called from earthly labor to partake of rest and refreshment in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Fitting memorials of R.W. Past Grand Master, Dr. Winslow Lewis, and R.W. Brother Ithamar F. Conkey, Past Senior Grand Warden, appear in our last printed Proceedings.

Prominent among the matters of interest to the Fraternity which have transpired during the past year, is the commencement of the centennial celebrations, which promise to engage a large share of public attention for some years to come. In most of these celebrations the Craft cannot fail to feel a warm interest, because, in the events commemorated, the most distinguished actors were at the same time the most active and zealous Masons. I am aware that in some jurisdictions there is a disposition to undervalue these historical associations, and to ridicule the idea of taking pride in the record our forefathers have transmitted to us, and to deny that the Fraternity had any special influence over our revolutionary struggle. I am con-

vinced, however, that the more carefully we study the history and biography of that period, the more we shall be inclined to the opinion that the Masonic tie was a strong bond of union between the heroes of the Revolution, the source of increased confidence in each other, that the form and mode of government of our Fraternity were, to some extent, at least, copied in the plan they framed, and that the teachings of the Institution were conscientiously practised by the best and most influential of their number. It is true that no leading historian has thus far given us any credit in this respect, or indeed made more than a passing allusion to the Masonic connection of the leading men of that time. Such historians have rarely, if ever, been of our Craft, and could not be expected to know much of the power of our secret ties and mysteries. The attention of the Fraternity has, however, now been strongly drawn to this subject, and I am satisfied that the more it is studied the more general and the stronger will be the opinion that to the influence of Masonry are we largely indebted for the liberty regulated by law which we now enjoy.

Acting upon the opinion I have expressed, I deemed it fit and proper that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be conspicuously represented at each of the centennial celebrations in which our fellow-citizens of this Commonwealth have been so strongly interested during the past year. Accordingly a committee of the Grand Lodge was present on the 19th of April, at Concord, on the occasion of the commemoration of the first conflict, with which is so closely associated the name of our honored Past Grand Master, Paul Revere. I regretted that I was prevented by sickness from participating personally in these ceremonies. I was present, in person, and on each occasion accompanied by a large delegation of Grand Lodge officers, at the interesting and imposing celebration of the one hundredth

anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, where our young Grand Master, Joseph Warren, laid down his life so gloriously; and also at Cambridge, on the anniversary of the assumption, by our immortal Brother, George Washington, of the command of the colonial forces. The part taken in all these celebrations by your representatives, I trust may contribute in some degree to the honor of the Fraternity in general, and of Massachusetts in particular. It has already been spread before you in our published Proceedings, and I allude to the subject now only as an important item in our record for the year.

FINANCES.

The Grand Treasurer's books show the following

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$3,045 49
Returns from District Deputy Grand Masters,	31,198 02
Lodges U. D., Charters and Dispensations,	300 00
Return Premiums,	144 79
Loan — Third National Bank,	\$5,000 00
Council of Deliberation,	600 00
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	5,600 00
Rents, taxes, gas and heating,	25,629 90
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	\$70,826 20

The Grand Treasurer produces the proper vouchers for the following

PAYMENTS.

Taxes, 1874, \$7,514.55, 1875, \$6,555.45,	\$14,070 00
Principal, Provident Institution for Saving,	10,000 00
Exemplification, \$1,006.50, Feast of St. John, \$58.33, colla- tion, \$20,	1,084 83
High service,	886 49
Expenses of Grand Officers,	582 93
Interest,	22,709 13
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Amount carried forward,	\$49,323 28

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$49,838 38
Repairs — on boilers, etc.,	\$153 98	
on Temple,	198 93	
on furniture,	155 47	
		508 38
Funeral expenses,		323 11
Copying and engrossing,		690 00
Stationery,		27 00
District Deputy Grand Masters' meetings,		852 70
Engraving diplomas,		744 00
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters,		1,426 50
Salaries — Grand Secretary,	\$2,500 00	
Grand Treasurer,	500 00	
Superintendent and assistant	1,899 96	
Engineer,	1,200 00	
		6,099 96
Donations and charity,		1,950 00
Insurance,		2,300 00
Furniture and regalia,		184 00
Care of Temple, cleaning, etc.,		968 37
Water rate, \$78.30, Ice, \$48.00,		126 30
Printing, \$1,636.27, Binding, \$92.58,		1,728 85
Gas, \$878.53, Fuel, \$1,489.78,		2,868 31
Cash on hand,		1,691 34
		<u>\$70,826 20</u>

The present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is as follows : —

Due to Provident Institution for Savings, on account of		
mortgage,		\$260,000 00
" to sundry Masonic Bodies,		37,200 00
" " Third National Bank,		5,000 00
		<u>\$302,200 00</u>
Total,		\$302,200 00
Less cash on hand,	\$1,691 34	
" due for rents,	516 98	
		<u>\$2,208 27</u>
Net indebtedness,		<u><u>\$299,991 78</u></u>

From this it would appear that the debt of the Grand Lodge has been increased by \$1,437.22, but, as shown above, the taxes for 1874 were paid this year, as well as the whole amount paid for insurance, which covers a period of three years. There is also the cost of introducing the high service, so that, deducting the taxes for 1874, the cost of the high service, and one-third of the premium paid for Insurance, from the indebtedness, it will be seen that there has really been a reduction of \$7,730.49.

The whole number of initiates during the year 1875, is 1,440. The present number of affiliated members is 26,798, being an increase of 1,389.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted the following Dispensations for new Lodges, and appointed the Brethren named as Masters and Wardens. Each of the petitions for Dispensation was recommended by the Lodge situated nearest to the place where the new Lodge was to be located, and was countersigned by the District Deputy Grand Master having jurisdiction.

Satuit Lodge, Scituate. (Twenty-six petitioners.)

GEORGE W. MERRITT, . . . Master.

CHARLES A. COLE, . . . Senior Warden.

CALEB L. DAMON, . . . Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted May 11, 1875; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in June, 1876.

Alpha Lodge, South Framingham. (Fifty-one petitioners.)

WILLIAM H. PHIPPS, . . . Master.

CHARLES F. CUTLER, . . . Senior Warden.

J. R. BURRIDGE, . . . Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted September 2, 1875; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in September, 1876.

Fraternity Lodge, Newtonville. (Forty-six petitioners.)

HORATIO B. HACKETT, JR., . . . Master.

WILLIAM W. KEITH, . . . Senior Warden.

JOHN S. HAYES, . . . Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted September 3, 1875; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in September, 1876.

King Cyrus Lodge, Stoneham. (Forty-nine petitioners.)

OLIVER H. MARSTON, . . . Master.

WILLIAM F. WALKER, . . . Senior Warden.

J. CLINTON CHASE, . . . Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted October 18, 1875; returnable at the Annual Communication in December, 1876.

Luther S. Bancroft Lodge, Pepperell. (Seventeen petitioners.)

LORENZO P. BLOOD, . . . Master.

JOHN C. FRASER, . . . Senior Warden.

HENRY R. BEHRENS, . . . Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted October 27, 1875; returnable at the Annual Communication in December, 1876.

SPECIAL WARRANTS.

Special Warrants have been issued as follows:—

To R.W. Lucius W. Lovell, Junior Grand Warden, to install into his office W. Bro. Hosea Kingman, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 16.

To R.W. Andrew J. Clark, Past District Deputy Grand Master, to install into his office R.W. Bro. Bowdoin S. Parker, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 8.

To R.W. Charles E. Hill, Past District Deputy Grand Mas-

ter for China, to install into his office R.W. Bro. Ithamar B. Eames, District Deputy Grand Master for China.

To W. Charles Lee Cole, Master of Bethesda Lodge, to install into his office R.W. Bro. H. Plunket Bouchier, District Deputy Grand Master for Chili.

To R.W. Charles C. Dame, Past Grand Master, to dedicate the new Masonic hall of Saint John's Lodge, Newburyport.

To R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 14, to dedicate the new Masonic hall of Pioneer Lodge, at Somerset.

RETURNS MADE ON SPECIAL WARRANTS.

By returns made on the foregoing Special Warrants, it appears : —

That W. Bro. Hosea Kingman was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Fellowship Lodge, at Bridgewater, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of January, 1875, by R.W. Lucius W. Lovell.

That R.W. Bowdoin S. Parker was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Orange Lodge, on Saturday, the sixth day of February, 1875, by R.W. Andrew J. Clark.

That R.W. Ithamar B. Eames was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master for China, within the body of Ancient Landmark Lodge, on Tuesday, the sixth day of April, 1875, by R.W. Charles E. Hill.

That R.W. H. Plunket Bouchier was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master for Chili, within the body of Bethesda Lodge, on Monday, the ninth day of August, 1875, by W. Charles Lee Cole.

That the new Masonic hall of Saint John's Lodge was dedi-

cated to Masonic purposes, in a Deputy Grand Lodge opened at Newburyport, by R.W. Charles C. Dame, Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of February, 1875.

That the new Masonic hall of Pioneer Lodge was dedicated to Masonic purposes, in a Deputy Grand Lodge opened at Somerset, by R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, with a full corps of Deputy Grand Officers, on Monday, the eleventh day of October, 1875.

RITUAL.

As is well known to all of you, errors and unwarrantable changes had been creeping into our Ritual for some years past, until there were hardly two Lodges in this jurisdiction working in the same manner. In accordance with the recommendation in the committee's report, as to the best method of preserving the Ritual from alteration, the Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, voted that a committee of thirteen be appointed to determine, in all respects, what is or should be the Ritual of this Grand Lodge. After the most patient, conscientious and careful consideration of every letter, syllable and word, the committee succeeded in restoring our Ritual to its former purity, and their reports to this Grand Lodge have been accepted with hardly a dissenting voice. The vast amount of labor performed by this committee may be inferred when I mention that they held no less than twenty-five meetings, and were in session in all more than eighty-five hours. While they are entitled to our warmest thanks, it cannot but be gratifying to them, as it is to us, to witness the desire on the part of the Brethren to learn the Grand Lodge work, and the wholesome rivalry among the Lodges as to which can exemplify it best.

IMPOSTORS.

It becomes my duty to caution the Masters of Lodges against impostors and spurious Masons. A man calling himself Professor Charles de Lagarlier (undoubtedly an assumed name), has a room here in Essex street, where he confers what he purports to be the Degrees in Freemasonry. It is said that his victims number about fifty, and that he assures them, when the so-called Lodge has seventy members, they will receive a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Our only safeguard, besides a rigid examination, is to demand that strange visitors show their diploma. The Master of a Lodge, at his installation, promises that no visitor shall be received into his Lodge without due examination, *and producing proper vouchers* of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge. These vouchers should be critically examined. It is sometimes annoying to a Brother to be refused admission because he has not his diploma with him; but if he has a spark of the true spirit of Masonry in him, he will see the justice of this requirement. The Masters of Lodges are therefore hereby directed not to admit visitors unless they produce their diploma, and pass a thorough examination, or can be vouched for by a Brother who has sat in a Lodge with them.

MASONIC TRIALS.

The subject of Masonic trials has engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge during the past year, and I deem it my duty to refer to it at this Annual Communication. A special committee, to whom a proposition to consider the propriety of appointing a Board of Commissioners before whom all trials involving expulsion or suspension from the Fraternity shall be conducted, having reported favorably upon the proposition at

the Quarterly Communication in June last, certain constitutional amendments, necessary to carry the system of trials and commissions into practical effect, have been offered, and await the action of the Grand Lodge. Some misapprehension has arisen in the minds of certain Brethren as to the nature and probable effect of the proposed change in our system of trials. In former years, when Lodges were few, and their members correspondingly so, there were very few cases of crime or moral delinquency which called for the disciplinary intervention of the Fraternity in any form. A trial by a Lodge of one of its members was a rare and exceptional incident in its history; an incident which many of the Lodges in this jurisdiction never knew. The great increase of Lodges and of membership therein, which recent years have witnessed, has greatly multiplied the occasions and the necessity for such trials. Indeed, it is a confession which we are bound in conscience to make, that there are now too *few* trials, for the good of our Fraternity, and too many of its members remain in the fold, to whom its justice and discipline should be applied. Experience has clearly demonstrated the fact, that many Lodges hesitate, even in clear cases of obliquity, to bring the offenders to trial before them, either because such trial is irksome to the members, or because it often involves a knowledge of Masonic Law or methods of trial which they do not possess, or because prejudice or favoritism intervenes. The offender in such cases often escapes an investigation, and remains to burden his Lodge, and to bring the whole Fraternity into disrepute, simply because he has some partial friends, and it is thought unwise to disturb the harmony of the Lodge. The difficulties which often attend a trial by a Lodge, even in clear cases, and the sting which is frequently left behind such trial, have served to show the necessity for a tribunal which shall be fully competent for all the exigencies of

a full, fair and impartial investigation of all cases, which, in the interests of the whole Fraternity, demand such an investigation, a tribunal which shall be so far removed from passions and prejudices, that it can present to the Grand Lodge for its final action, a record as just, true and charitable as the lot of humanity will admit. Such a tribunal will take no *right* away from the Lodges, but will simply relieve them of a burden. In the light of all recent experience, and looking to the future interests of the Craft, I commend the proposition for the new system of trials to your candid and favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,
Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. Charles A. Welch, the Grand Master's Annual Address was referred to a committee, consisting of R.W. Brothers Charles A. Welch, Tracy P. Cheever and William J. Sawin.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the annual election of Grand Officers, as fixed by the Grand Constitutions, having arrived, the Recording Grand Secretary reported the whole number of votes that might be cast for Grand Officers to be five hundred and twelve, viz.:—

Grand Officers present	38
Permanent members present	27
One hundred and forty-nine Lodges represented . .	447

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for ten minutes. On resuming labor, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master assumed the Grand East, and appointed R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, W. Rufus C. Clay and W. Leavitt Bates a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Grand Master.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Master to be four hundred and twenty-four, four hundred and sixteen of which were for M.W. Percival Lowell Everett, of Boston, and he was declared to be elected Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed as the committee to wait upon the Grand Master elect, and present him to the Grand East: —

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	“ “ “
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME	“ “ “
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER	“ “ “
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	“ “ “

The committee, with the Grand Marshal and the Grand Stewards, waited upon the Grand Master elect, and conducted him to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising.

R.W. John T. Heard presented the Grand Master elect in the words following: —

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master: —

As chairman of the committee appointed for that purpose, I have the honor to present to you Most Worshipful Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master elect for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Master congratulated the Grand Master upon his re-election to this honorable and important office by a vote so nearly unanimous, thus strongly assuring him of the continued confidence of the Craft in his integrity, and ability to conduct the important interests committed to his charge.

The Grand Master returned thanks to the Brethren for this expression of their confidence and good-will, and assured them of his purpose to devote his best energies to the well-being of the Order.

The Grand Master assumed the Grand East, and appointed the same committee that collected the votes for Grand Master to receive, sort and count the votes for Senior Grand Warden.

On motion of the Recording Grand Secretary, it was *Voted*, That the calling of the list of Lodges be dispensed with in voting for the remaining elective officers.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Senior Grand Warden to be three hundred and eighty-five, all of which were for R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., of New Bed-

ford, and he was declared unanimously elected Senior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

R.W. G. Washington Warren, W. John G. Tinkham and W. William H. Thomes were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Junior Grand Warden.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Junior Grand Warden to be three hundred and nine, all of which were for R.W. Daniel Upton, of South Adams, and he was declared unanimously elected Junior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, W. Rufus C. Clay and W. Leavitt Bates were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Grand Treasurer.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Treasurer to be two hundred and fifty-seven, all of which were for R.W. John McClellan, of Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The same committee that collected votes for the Junior Grand Warden was appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for Recording Grand Secretary.

The committee reported the whole number of

votes cast for Recording Grand Secretary to be one hundred and fifty-eight, all of which were for R.W. Charles H. Titus, of Boston, and he was declared unanimously elected Recording Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

W. Henry G. Fay, W. William J. Stevens, and W. Edward C. Morris were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for four Directors, two of each class, to be elected for two years.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Directors to be one hundred and sixty-one; that R.W. William S. Gardner, of Newton, of the first class, had one hundred and fifty-eight; that R.W. William Sutton, of Salem, of the first class, had one hundred and sixty-one; that R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, of Boston, of the second class, had one hundred and sixty-one; that R.W. Charles A. Welch, of Waltham, of the second class, had one hundred and sixty-one; and they were severally declared to be elected Directors for the term of two years.

R.W. G. Washington Warren, W. William J. Stevens and W. William H. Thomes were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Auditing Committee.

The committee reported the whole number of

votes cast for Auditing Committee to be ninety-eight, all of which were for W. Hocum Hosford, of Lowell, R.W. Samuel P. Oliver, of Boston, and W. Otis E. Weld, of Boston, and they were declared to be unanimously elected Auditing Committee for the year ensuing.

The petition of James Barnes, of Somerville, for formal healing, was presented to the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Healing.

The committee, to whom were referred the proposed amendments of Article IV., Part III., of the Grand Constitutions, submitted the following report:—

REPORT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV.,
PART III., OF THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Boston, Dec. 8, 1875.

The committee to whom were referred the amendments proposed to Article IV., Part III., of the Grand Constitutions, have duly considered the same, and recommend that said Article IV., Part III., of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts be stricken out, and that in place thereof the following be inserted, viz. :—

ARTICLE IV.

TRIALS, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall annually appoint a Board of five members of the Grand Lodge, to be styled *Commissioners of Trials*, but he may in his discretion appoint a

Special Board of Commissioners for the trial of any given cause. All Commissioners shall be Past or Present Masters. The first named of said Board shall be the President thereof, and three members shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the President the Board may elect a President *pro tempore*. Whenever a member of a Lodge, or a Brother under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of any offence, which, if proved, would subject him to expulsion or suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules: —

I. The accusation shall be made in writing, with specifications of the offence, under the signature of a Master Mason, and, if the accused is a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall be given in charge to the Master thereof, who shall summon his Lodge to act upon the accusation. If the Lodge by a majority vote of its members present determine that the charges require investigation, then the accusation shall be given in charge to the President or President *pro tempore* of the Board, who, under direction of the Board, shall cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, together with a summons to appear, at a time and place to be named in said summons, and make such answer to the charges and accusation as he may desire. The summons shall be served upon the accused fourteen days, at least, before the return day thereof. Such appearance may be made in person before the President or President *pro tempore*, or by filing an answer in writing with such President. If the residence of the accused be out of the Commonwealth, and unknown, the Commissioners may proceed to examine the charges and accusation *ex parte*; but if known and out of the Commonwealth, a summons shall be sent him, by mail or otherwise, sixty days, at least, before the time appointed for his appearance. The service and the return

thereof shall be according to regulations to be made by the Commissioners, and, when so made, shall be conclusive.

In case of unaffiliated or sojourning Masons the accusation made as aforesaid shall be given in charge to the President or President *pro tempore* of the Board, and if the Board of Commissioners shall determine that the charges require investigation, the Board shall thereafter proceed in the same manner as above required in the case of an affiliated Mason whose Lodge has determined that the charges require investigation.

II. The examination upon the charges and accusation shall be had at some convenient place and time, to be designated by the Commissioners, of which due notice shall be given, and no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commissioners, the testimony may be taken by the President or President *pro tempore*, who shall reduce the same to writing, to be submitted to the Board. Witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such. Other witnesses shall be duly sworn before their testimony is taken.

III. Any Brother duly authorized may appear as counsel in support of, or in opposition to, the charges during the taking of the testimony and in the argument of the cause.

IV. A full record of the proceedings in each case, whatever may be the result thereof, including the testimony taken, the action of the Commissioners thereon, and the sentence, if any, imposed upon the accused, to be signed by the Commissioners acting in such case, shall be transmitted to the Recording Grand Secretary, by him to be placed on file and presented to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication. The action of the Commissioners, including the sentence, if any, imposed upon the respondent, if approved, shall stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge. The finding of the Com-

missioners shall be subject to correction or review by the Grand Lodge, who may order a new trial, or otherwise dispose of the case.

SECTION 2. Any five members of a Lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, may impeach the Master of said Lodge before the Grand Master, who shall order an investigation of the charges; and if, in his opinion, they are well founded and of a character to justify the proceeding, he may suspend the delinquent and summon him to appear for trial before said Commissioners, or such special Commissioners as the Grand Master may appoint. The foregoing rules, as far as the same shall be applicable, shall be observed in the trial of a Master of a Lodge before such Commissioners.

SECTION 3. The Commissioners shall receive for their services, and for necessary expenses in each case, such compensation as the Grand Master shall determine and allow, upon the certificate of the Commissioners.

SECTION 4. An expulsion or suspension of a Brother from any Masonic Body other than a Lodge of Master Masons, or a Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over such Brother, shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from Masonry, or from the Lodge of which he is a member.

SECTION 5. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall expel or suspend a member from the rights of Masonry.

SECTION 6. Forfeiture or suspension of membership shall not be imposed until the delinquent has been duly notified of the time when and place where action will be taken in his case. If the residence of the delinquent is out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or unknown, no notice shall be required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
SERENO D. NICKERSON,
EDWARD AVERY,
Committee.

After full discussion upon the merits of the proposed amendments, as modified by the report of the committee, it was voted that the report be recommitted, and referred for further action to the Quarterly Communication in March next.

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of several newly organized Grand Lodges made report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW GRAND LODGES.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 8, 1875.

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of the newly organized Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Dakota, have examined the papers referred to them and report that they find that the proceedings of the conventions of each of these Bodies appear to be regular, and the Grand Lodges to be duly organized in accordance with the usages of the Craft. They, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts extend the vote of recognition and the right hand of fellowship to the

GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

JOHN YEO, Grand Master,

B. WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

W. C. CLARKE, Grand Master,

J. H. BELL, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

THOMAS H. BROWN, Grand Master,

MARK W. BAILEY, Grand Secretary.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate this action of our Grand Lodge to the several Grand Lodges above named.

Respectfully submitted,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

ALONZO B. WENTWORTH,

Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 8, 1875.

The Committee on By-Laws, to whom were referred amendments to By-Laws from the following lodges:—

HAMMATT, of East Boston,

JAMES OTIS, of Barnstable,

WILLIAM SUTTON, of Saugus,

MOUNT OLIVET, of Cambridge,

CHICOPEE, of Chicopee,

MONTGOMERY, of Milford,

respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them in accord with the Grand Constitutions and Masonic usage, and recommend their approval.

WILLIAM' F. SALMON,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,

JOEL SEAVERNs,

Committee.

The petition of Rufus White Gifford, for formal healing, was received by the Grand Master and referred to the Committee on Healing.

The Committee on Charity submitted their Annual Report, which was accepted, and the recommendation to appropriate one thousand dollars for charitable purposes was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 8, 1875.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:—

The Committee on Charity would respectfully submit the following report:—

In accordance with established custom, your committee have held semi-monthly meetings, during the year, with the exception of July and August.

Their total receipts for the year have been \$1,938.64, and from the following sources:—

By balance of old account, as rendered,	\$131 64
By cash received from Amicable Lodge, Cambridgeport,	15 00
“ “ “ Morien Lodge, Cow Bay,	14 00
“ “ “ Lincoln Lodge, Maine,	14 00
“ “ “ St. John's Lodge, Boston,	50 00
“ “ “ Massachusetts Lodge, Boston,	50 00
“ “ “ Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston,	50 00
“ “ “ Eleusis Lodge, Boston,	100 00
“ “ “ a charitable Brother,	10 00
“ returned by W. F. Winans,	4 00
By amount appropriated by Grand Lodge,	1,500 00
	<hr/> \$1,938 64

Their disbursements have been as follows:—

To cash paid for telegrams,	\$6 20
“ “ “ funeral expenses,	118 00
“ “ “ railroad and steamboat fares,	250 00
“ “ “ sundry persons, as per cash book,	1,504 44
To balance on hand this day,	60 00
	<hr/> \$1,938 64

The total number of applications favorably considered has been 220.

The total number of persons assisted has been 175, giving an average of about \$10.70 to each.

The records of the committee have been placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary for the inspection of the Grand Lodge, if desired.

The depression of business during the year, and the consequent lack of employment, or remunerative wages, have largely added to the number of destitute Masons, their widows and orphans; and consequently your committee have had more urgent, and more frequent applications than at any time before. Your committee have had applicants from nearly every State in the Union, from England, Scotland, Ireland, Hungary, Poland, Bermuda, Calcutta, British Provinces, New Zealand, and even from Persia. The largest portion of these applicants have been found worthy of assistance.

The appeals have, in a large degree, come from a better class of people than ever before. Many mechanics, who have heretofore been amply able to provide for themselves, have been obliged to make their poverty known, and ask even for bread. To those who understand what pride is, it must be apparent how hard this has been in many cases.

As an example of how unfortunate a man may become, your committee would cite one case relieved by them, where the applicant had eaten but one meal per day, for two weeks, lest his children should not have enough. This Brother was a M.M., R.A.M., and Knight Templar. He had been one of the Grand Lecturers of the Grand Lodge, and one of its Board of Relief in the State in which he formerly resided, besides holding many minor offices in Masonic Institutions, as was proved by letters

from many prominent Masons, to whom your committee applied for information.

The lack of funds at the disposal of your committee has oftentimes prevented as liberal donations as some cases really demanded. Your committee have endeavored, however, to deal justly by all, and to dispense your charities as carefully and judiciously as possible.

Your committee have exerted themselves to get employment for many Brethren, and in every case but one, so far as we know, the good conduct of the applicant has justified your committee in their exertions.

Your committee have been solicited to assist in paying mortgages, publishing books, securing patent rights, and introducing a valuable tooth-powder,—in all of which cases, in the opinion of the applicants, great good would follow; but your committee have in no case felt justified in “granting the prayer of the petitioners,” but have “given them leave to withdraw.”

Your committee would renew the hope, expressed by them in their last report, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will ere long inaugurate some plan by which a larger sum shall be placed at the disposal of your Charity Committee.

If every Mason within our jurisdiction could be induced to contribute even a very small sum, it would enable your committee to send happiness into many a household, and to encourage many disheartened Brethren, their widows or orphans.

From present appearances the coming winter is to be a hard one for the poor. Let us hope the Masons of Massachusetts will do all they can to relieve the unfortunate.

Your committee would respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$1,000 for charitable purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY G. FAY,
NATHANIEL GREENE,
HENRY J. PARKER,
JAMES MILLS,
FRANK E. JONES,

Committee.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson submitted the following remarks and motion: —

Most Worshipful Grand Master: —

It is well known to the Brethren that during the past year a strong effort has been made to interest the organized associations throughout the country in the patriotic work of completing the Washington Monument. To the appeal on this behalf our own Fraternity and the Order of Odd Fellows have responded most liberally. About sixty thousand dollars have already been pledged, principally by those two societies. At their recent Annual Communications, the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Ohio each subscribed the sum of one thousand dollars, and strongly recommended the cause to the liberal consideration of the subordinate Lodges. All subscriptions are made contingent upon the pledging of the whole amount estimated to be necessary for the completion of the work, namely four hundred thousand dollars; fifty per cent. of each subscription to be payable as soon as the full amount shall be promised, and the remainder in two equal instalments, in six and twelve months thereafter. It is confidently believed that if a liberal amount can be secured in this manner, Congress can be prevailed upon to appropriate whatever may be lacking.

In such a cause the Fraternity of Massachusetts should not be backward. The National Government has invited the people of all foreign countries to participate in the festivities of our Centennial. The thousands who will accept this invitation would be astonished and shocked at our ingratitude, should they find in its present state a monument to him whom the lovers of liberty and the defenders of human rights have long since canonized. Let them find the work at least in progress, with some prospect of its ultimate completion. To this end let us contribute our mite, poor though we are; since for that very reason so much the more commendable will be the effort and the sacrifice.

I would therefore move that the sum of one thousand dollars be subscribed by this Grand Lodge towards the completion of the Washington Monument, upon the terms and conditions I have named, and that the Lodges and Brethren throughout the jurisdiction be earnestly requested to contribute to the same object as liberally as their circumstances will permit.

The motion was seconded and prevailed.

At fifteen minutes past six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, until the 28th instant, then to meet at the Masonic Temple in this city, at four o'clock P. M., for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

Prayer was offered by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 28, A. L. 5875.

A STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORKSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of December, A. L. 5875, A. D. 1875, for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM J. SAWIN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS . . .	D.D. G. Master, District No. 2.
R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH . .	“ “ District No. 3.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED . . .	“ “ District No. 5.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER . . .	“ “ District No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS . . .	“ “ District No. 7.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	“ “ District No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . .	“ “ District No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS . . .	“ “ District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	“ “ District No. 14.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN . . .	“ “ District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . . .	“ “ District No. 17.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, }	Grand Lecturers.
W. CHARLES M. AVERY, }	
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS, }	

W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS,	} Junior Grand Stewards.
W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER,	
W. HENRY STEPHENSON,	
W. BAYLIES SANFORD, JR. . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON, . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE .	as Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN T. HEARD	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . .	" " "
R.W. CHARLES C. DAME . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM S. GARDNER .	" " "
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON .	" " "
R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY	" " " "
R.W. HENRY CHICKERING . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	" " "
R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON . .	" " "
R.W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE .	" " "
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT . . .	" " "
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . .	" " "
R.W. IVORY H. POPE	" " "
R.W. ELIJAH W. BURR . . .	" " "

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY.	W. HENRY J. PARKER.
W. OTIS E. WELD.	W. NATHANIEL GREENE.
W. HENRY G. FAY.	W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI.	BRO. FRANK E. JONES.
W. SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG.	

Also the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of many subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM, at 4 o'clock P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing. The GREAT LIGHT was opened by the Grand Marshal at the Gospel of Saint John the Evangelist.

A new code of By-Laws of Joseph Warren Lodge, of Boston, was submitted for approval, and was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The committee subsequently submitted the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Dec. 28, 1875.

The Committee on By-Laws having examined the full code submitted by Joseph Warren Lodge, of Boston, report the same in accord with the Grand Constitutions and Masonic usage, and a model in every respect. The committee recommend their approval.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,
Chairman.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

A proxy was presented from

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, Shanghai, China, in favor of R.W. Bro. WILLIAM F. SALMON, for the ensuing year,

and he was recognized accordingly.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in behalf of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

BOSTON, December 28, 1874.

The Committee on the Library respectfully report that during the past year the number of volumes on our shelves has been steadily increasing without drawing upon the Treasury; the cost of such as have been purchased, as well as of binding, having been defrayed from the sale of duplicates, or by exchange. Among the most valuable of the works thus obtained are the revised edition of Appleton's Encyclopædia, and a complete series of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. These publications, although not strictly entitled to a place in a Masonic library, contain much that is interesting and valuable to the Masonic student — especially in the department of biography — and have already been found exceedingly useful by the Grand Secretary and Brethren who frequent his office.

The most important event in connection with the labors of the committee for the past year has been the death of its chairman, Dr. Winslow Lewis. For more than twenty years he has labored diligently, enthusiastically, in this department. He was the founder, almost the creator, of our library. After the destruction, in April, 1864, of the collection which he had gathered at great pains and expense, he was not disheartened, but at once stripped his own library of Masonic books, to form the nucleus of another collection, to which he has since been an almost daily contributor, and which he lived to see far surpassing the former in magnitude and value.

Being a great lover of books, and well versed in curious learning, he was admirably qualified for the duty assigned him; and the bright, cheerful, sparkling reports on his work, to which we have annually listened for so long a period, show that his whole heart was in it. During the past three or four years the larger portion of the manual and clerical labor of the committee has naturally fallen upon its younger members. But that labor has been greatly lightened by his ready counsel and his almost extravagant commendation of their efforts. One of the most encouraging thoughts to those who succeed him in these duties will be the idea of his satisfaction in our continued progress, if he were present with us, and the hope that his spirit may sometimes hover lovingly over the work in which he took so great delight.

With such thoughts and hopes we modestly assume the mantle he so gracefully wore.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,
Committee.

The Junior Past Grand Master, R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in accordance with the provision of the Grand Constitutions, presided at the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and appointed R.W. Past Grand Masters John T. Heard, William D. Coolidge, William Parkman, Charles C. Dame and William S. Gardner, a committee to wait upon M.W. Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master elect, and present him for installation.

The committee retired, attended by the Grand

Deacons and the Grand Stewards, conducted by the Grand Marshal, and escorted the Grand Master elect to the Grand East, — the Brethren all rising, — and duly presented him for installation.

The R.W. Installing Officer directed the committee to conduct the Grand Master elect to the altar, there to receive the benefit of prayer, and be invested with his official obligation.

The Grand Master elect having been conducted to the altar, solemn prayer was offered in his behalf by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, in the words following: —

PRAYER AT THE INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

O Thou who art the King of Glory, the Maker and Ruler of all worlds, and in whose hand are the hearts of all men, behold thy servant, kneeling once more at the altar of consecration, and make him equal, in the future as in the past, to the high trusts committed to him as the chosen Master of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, with the government of which he is now, for the second time, to be invested.

Make him wise as to all the affairs of his office; reverent in the use of freedom; just in the exercise of power; generous in the protection of weakness.

Give unto him an attentive ear, an instructive tongue, a faithful breast. May he judge with candor, and admonish with friendship. Fill his heart, O our God, with loyalty to truth and

brotherly love. Make him a man of God, thoroughly furnished unto all good works; an example to all the Craft, and before all the world, in all the duties of morality and social order.

Deepen the roots of his life in everlasting righteousness, and let not the crown of his pride be as a fading flower.

And with him bless all his associates in authority. May they be of one mind, fitly joined together, and making increase of the whole body, unto the edifying of itself in love: one body but many members.

O Thou who art the Author, not of confusion, but of peace, unite us with the faithful and the true everywhere, in one light of faith, one beauty of holiness, one heaven of love, one repose on Thee; and tune our spirits together, and join our voices to one anthem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." *Amen.*

The Grand Master elect, having been duly invested with his official obligation, was re-conducted to the Grand East, and installed in AMPLE FORM, and in accordance with the usage of this Grand Lodge.

The ceremony of installation, including the several proclamations, will be found set forth in full in the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Dec. 29, 1874.

The usual hymns were well rendered by a Masonic quartette, consisting of Brothers Harry Gates, Edward Prescott, Charles H. Webb and William Beeching. Bro. Howard M. Dow, Grand Organist, presided at the organ.

A procession was formed in due order, and the M.W. Grand Master was saluted, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft and of this Grand Lodge, and proclamation was duly made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master proceeded to install the Grand Wardens.

R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., was duly installed into the office of Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Daniel Upton into the office of Junior Grand Warden, and proclamation thereof was made in due form.

The Grand Master installed into thir respective stations, R.W. John McClellan, Grand Treasurer, and R.W. Charles H. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand Master: —

R.W. CHARLES A. WELCH, Waltham, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER, Cambridge, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

W. HENRY G. FAY, Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.

R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS, Charlestown, D.D.G. Master, District No. 2.

W. SETH C. AMES, East Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 3.

W. EDWARD C. DAMON, Concord, D.D.G. Master, District No. 4.

R.W. GEORGE F. BREED, Lynn, D.D.G. Master, District No. 5.

R.W. WARREN CURRIER, Newburyport, D.D.G. Master, District No. 6.

R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS, Lowell, D.D.G. Master, District No. 7.

W. JONAS K. PATCH, Shelburne Falls, D.D.G. Master, District No. 8.

W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, Pittsfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 9.

- R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN, Springfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 10.
 R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, Worcester, D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.
 R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES, Millbury, D.D.G. Master, District No. 12.
 R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS, Norwood, D.D.G. Master, District No. 13.
 W. ABRAHAM G. HART, Fall River, D.D.G. Master, District No. 14.
 R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD, Provincetown, D.D.G. Master, District No. 15.
 R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN, Bridgewater, D.D.G. Master, District No. 16.
 R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE, Malden, D.D.G. Master, District No. 17.
 W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD, Southbridge, D.D.G. Master, District No. 18.
 W. DAVID TRUMBULL, Valparaiso, D.D.G. Master for Chili.
 R.W. ITHAMAR B. EAMES, Shanghai, D.D.G. Master for China.
 W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., New Bedford, } Grand
 W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG, Groton, } Chaplains.
 W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, Boston, Grand Marshal.
 W. THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston, }
 W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, } Grand Lecturers.
 W. J. FRANCIS LOTS, Boston, }
 W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE, Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. CHARLES E. SMITH, North Attleboro', Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston, Senior Grand Steward.
 W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, Belmont, }
 W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, New Bedford, } Junior
 W. HENRY STEPHENSON, Hingham, } Grand Stewards.
 W. BAYLIES SANFORD, JR. Brockton, Grand Sword-Bearer.
 W. GEORGE H. FOLGER, Cambridge, Grand Standard-Bearer.
 W. FREDERICK D. ELY, Dedham, }
 W. HENRY S. BUNTON, Hyde Park, } Grand Pursuivants.
 BRO. HOWARD M. DOW, Boston, Grand Organist.
 BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Grand Tyler.

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 R.W. CHARLES J. DANFORTH.

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 W. JAMES MILLS. BRO. FRANK E. JONES.
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COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

R.W. ANDREW G. SMITH. W. WOOSTER B. MAYHEW.
 W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI. W. JOSEPH WINSOR.
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COMMITTEE ON TRIALS AND HEALING.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY. W. FREDERICK D. ELY.
 W. SAMUEL WELLS.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

R.W. IVORY H. POPE. W. WILLIAM R. WILSON.
 W. JOSEPH B. MASON.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON. W. THOMAS W. DAVIS.
 W. JOEL SEAVERN.

The Grand Master installed R.W. Charles A. Welch, Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. George P. Sanger, Corresponding Grand Secretary, into their respective offices.

The Deputy Grand Master installed the following-named Brethren into the stations to which they had been appointed: —

R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS	“ “ District No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	“ “ District No. 3.
R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON	“ “ District No. 4.
R.W. GEORGE F. BREED	“ “ District No. 5.
R.W. WARREN CURRIER	“ “ District No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	“ “ District No. 7.
R.W. JONAS K. PATCH	“ “ District No. 8.
R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL	“ “ District No. 9.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY	“ “ District No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	“ “ District No. 12.

R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART . . .	“ “ District No. 14.
R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN . . .	“ “ District No. 16.
R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE . .	“ “ District No. 17.
R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD . .	“ “ District No. 18.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, } W. CHARLES M. AVERY. }	Grand Lecturers.
W. J. FRANCIS LOTS, }	
W. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, } W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, }	Junior Grand Stewards.
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W. BAYLIES SANFORD, Jr. . . .	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. GEORGE H. FOLGER . . .	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. HENRY S. BUNTON . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW . . .	Grand Organist.
BRO. BENJAMIN F. NOURSE . .	Grand Tyler.

Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal in due form.

The Recording Grand Secretary submitted the following reports, which were accepted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORTS OF RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 28, 1875.

The following thirty-seven Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past year : —

ACACIA, Gloucester.
ADAMS, Wellfleet.
ANCHOR, Wales.
AURORA, Fitchburg.
BETHEL, Enfield.

CHARLES RIVER, West Medway.
CHARLES W. MOORE, Fitchburg.
CONCORDIA, Fairhaven.
DE WITT CLINTON, Sandwich.
FRANKLIN, Grafton.

GLOBE, Hinsdale.	MOUNT TOM, Holyoke.
HARMONY, Northfield.	MOUNT ZION, Barre.
HAYDEN, Brookfield.	ORIENTAL, Edgartown.
HOWARD, South Yarmouth.	PACIFIC, Amherst.
JERUSALEM, Northampton.	PHILANTHROPIC, Marblehead.
JOHN T. HEARD, Ipswich.	QUABOAG, Warren.
KING PHILIP, Fall River.	QUINSIGAMOND, Worcester.
MARINE, Falmouth.	RURAL, Quincy,
MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Vineyard Haven.	SAINT JAMES, Mansfield.
MORNING SUN, Conway.	SIMON W. ROBINSON, Lexington.
MOUNTAIN, Shelburne Falls.	SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.
MOUNT HOLLIS, Holliston.	STAR, Athol.
MOUNT HOLYOKE, South Had-	TYRIAN, Gloucester.
ley Falls.	VERNON, Belchertown.

The following nine Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past two years : —

BETHEL, Enfield.	MOUNTAIN, Shelburne Falls.
CONCORDIA, Fairhaven.	MOUNT ZION, Barre.
DE WITT CLINTON, Sandwich.	PHILANTHROPIC, Marblehead.
KING PHILIP, Fall River.	VERNON, Belchertown.
MARINE, Falmouth.	

The following six Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past three years : —

BETHEL, Enfield.	MOUNT ZION, Barre.
DE WITT CLINTON, Sandwich.	PHILANTHROPIC, Marblehead.
KING PHILIP, Fall River.	VERNON, Belchertown.

The following four Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past four years : —

BETHEL, Enfield.	PHILANTHROPIC, Marblehead.
KING PHILIP, Fall River.	VERNON, Belchertown.

The two Lodges following do not appear to have been represented during the past five years : —

BETHEL, Enfield.	VERNON, Belchertown.
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The latest printed Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received at the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year : —

ALABAMA.	ILLINOIS.	NEW YORK.
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.	INDIANA.	NORTH CAROLINA.
ARKANSAS.	IOWA.	NOVA SCOTIA.
BRAZIL.	KANSAS.	OHIO.
BRITISH COLUMBIA.	KENTUCKY.	OREGON.
CALIFORNIA.	LOUISIANA.	PENNSYLVANIA.
CANADA.	MAINE.	PORTUGAL.
CHILI.	MANITOBA.	PRINCE EDW'D ISLAND.
COLORADO.	MARYLAND.	QUEBEC.
CONNECTICUT.	MICHIGAN.	RHODE ISLAND.
DAKOTA.	MINNESOTA.	SOUTH CAROLINA.
DELAWARE.	MISSISSIPPI.	TENNESSEE.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.	MISSOURI.	TEXAS.
ENGLAND.	MONTANA.	UTAH.
EGYPT.	NEBRASKA.	VERMONT.
FLORIDA.	NETHERLANDS.	VIRGINIA.
FRANCE.	NEVADA.	WASH'N TERRITORY.
GEORGIA.	NEW BRUNSWICK.	WEST VIRGINIA.
HUNGARY.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	WISCONSIN.
IDAHO.	NEW JERSEY.	

Charters have been executed for the following Lodges during the past year : —

<i>Lodge.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Date of Precedence.</i>	<i>Date of Charter.</i>
NORFOLK . . .	Needham . . .	May 18, 1874.	June 9, 1875.
COCHICHEWICK .	North Andover .	June 2, 1874.	June 9, 1875.

Diplomas have been issued from the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year, as follows : —

	<i>Master Masons.</i>	<i>Past Masters.</i>
District No. 1	72	7
“ No. 2	81	4
“ No. 3	125	4
<i>Carried forward,</i>	278	15

<i>Brought forward,</i>	278	15
District No. 4	87	3
" No. 5	64	0
" No. 6	81	0
" No. 7	99	3
" No. 8	86	6
" No. 9	87	2
" No. 10	144	0
" No. 11	61	0
" No. 12	78	0
" No. 13	72	15
" No. 14	121	1
" No. 15	70	4
" No. 16	63	4
" No. 17	77	9
" No. 18	102	5
Chili District	15	0
China District	10	0
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CHARLES H. TITUS,

Recording Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Healing submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation to formally heal the petitioner, Rufus White Gifford, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON THE PETITION OF RUFUS WHITE GIFFORD.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 28, 1875.

The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of Rufus White Gifford, of New Bedford, respectfully report:—

That they have considered the evidence submitted, and are of opinion that the petitioner acted in good faith, and that this request in his petition should be granted; wherefore your com-

mittee recommend that the said Rufus White Gifford be formally healed at such time and place as the M.W. Grand Master shall direct.

For the Committee,

EDWARD AVERY,

Chairman.

R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury stated that he had received a communication from a Lodge in Palermo, Italy, containing a request that the Lodge might become a subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

R.W. William S. Gardner suggested that it might be well to appoint a committee to whom might be referred this communication from Palermo, as well as the more important question that would seem to be demanding the consideration of the Grand Lodges in this country, viz.: the recognition by foreign Grand Lodges of so called Grand Lodges in any of the United States where regular Grand Lodges are already established.

On motion of Bro. Woodbury a committee was appointed for this purpose, consisting of R.W. Brothers Charles Levi Woodbury, William S. Gardner and Sereno D. Nickerson.

At ten minutes before six o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

A procession was formed by the Grand Marshal, and the Brethren were conducted to the banquet-

room, where the feast of Saint John the Evangelist was duly celebrated after the manner of Masons.

At thirty minutes past ten o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the mystic circle was formed, Old Hundred was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,

Recording Grand Secretary.

THE GRAND FEAST.

AT the conclusion of the installation ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on Tuesday evening, December 28, 1875, the members of the Grand Lodge and other guests proceeded to the Banquet Hall in the Temple, where a bountiful supply of creature comforts was provided.

The company standing in their places at the tables, the divine blessing was invoked by the W. Grand Chaplain Rev. Joshua Young.

The company were immediately seated, and an hour was very happily spent in partaking of the good things with which the tables were loaded. The Grand Master then called the company to order, and said:—

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE, — You will all rise, with your glasses in the left hand. As the first regular sentiment appropriate to the occasion, I give you, —

“ *The Holy Saints John.* — May we revere their memories and ever emulate their virtues.”

The Brethren responded to the sentiment with the Grand Honors, and the Grand Master said:—

The next regular sentiment is,

“ To the memory of George Washington.”

The toast was drank standing and in silence, and the Grand Master continued: —

I do not wish to do or say anything that would cast a shadow over your enjoyment to-night, Brethren; but we cannot but miss the face of our dear, beloved Brother who was always with us, for so many years, on these occasions, and I shall ask you to rise and drink to the memory of our honored late Senior Past Grand Master, Dr. Winslow Lewis.

The toast was drank and the Grand Master resumed: —

In 1733, the Earl of Montague, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, commissioned Henry Price, as Provincial Grand Master for New England, and he expressly enjoined and ordered that this Feast of Saint John should be celebrated every year. They first met on the 27th of December at the Bunch of Grapes tavern. Subsequently the feast was celebrated at divers places, among which was the old Green Dragon Tavern, till the breaking out of the Revolution. From that time till 1858 it was held with great irregularity, but was occasionally held. In 1858 our then Grand Master renewed these feasts, which we have ever since enjoyed, and I wish to call upon him to tell us something about this feast; and for another reason, — the death of our Brother Lewis leaves him the Senior Past Grand Master. I introduce Right Worshipful John T. Heard, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Past Grand Master Heard responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL.—You have referred to the year 1858, when the revival of this Grand Feast occurred. Since I have been with you this evening I have thought over the company who were present on that occasion. Very few indeed are here who were present at that time. I am reminded that Brother A. A. Dame was present. Our young Brother John McClellan was also present. Bear in mind this was in 1858; that is seventeen years ago. Our most respected and learned Brother Charles Levi Woodbury, and our Brother William W. Baker were also present; and Brother Chickering, — I do not see him here — [A voice, "He is here."] Then there was Brother Stearns, whose hair is somewhat whiter than it was then; and Brother Oliver; and Brother Wyzeman Marshall; and our Right Worshipful Brother Coolidge; and, if I am not mistaken, there is another Brother, at the left of Brother Coolidge, who was present on that occasion, Brother Gardner; and Brother Parkman was also present. Seventeen years have thinned out our ranks a great deal. But I am happy to find so many of our older Brethren present with us to celebrate this ancient feast. Our Grand Master signified to me that I might be called upon to respond to a sentiment this evening; but to some brief extent only, by mere notes here and there, have I prepared myself to meet the occasion. Already we have paid proper respect to the memory of one who was always with us, and cheered and enlivened our assemblies. It is a subject of congratulation that so many of the Fraternity are permitted, by Divine Providence, to assemble together on this joyous occasion. We, however, miss one, lately of our number, who has passed on to the "upper sphere": *Mortalitate relicta, vivit immortalitate indutus*. "Having put off this mortal frame, he lives clothed with immortality."

The Grand Feast, which we are now observing, was celebrated in Boston with considerable regularity from 1733 to 1810, except during the war of the Revolution. Subsequently its observance seems to have fallen into desuetude, except only at long intervals, till 1858, when it was revived. When I was inaugurated as Grand Master, on the 30th of December, 1856, I said—I don't wish to be prolix and tire the Brethren, Most Worshipful, but I thought they might like to know a little of the history of the proceedings which occurred in the Grand Lodge, and led to the revival of this annual festival—at that time I gave these reasons for the celebration of the feast:—

“As a means of promoting personal acquaintance among the Brethren, and securing the advantages arising from social intercourse, it seems desirable that observances of a festive character should be established at stated periods. In the Warrant of the Grand Master of England, appointing, in 1733, Henry Price Grand Master of New England, an annual festival is enjoined in these terms: ‘And lastly, we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England do annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day, or (in case any accident should happen to prevent their dining together on that day) on any other day near that time, as he shall judge most fit, as is done here.’ From time immemorial the Brethren of England have every year kept ‘the Feast.’ Their regulations, in 1721, provided that it should be observed by ‘The Brethren of all the Lodges in and about London and Westminster;’ who should ‘assemble either on St. John *Evangelist’s* Day or St. John *Baptist’s* Day, as the *Grand Lodge* shall think fit by a New Regulation.’ In 1731 it was ordained ‘That no particular Lodge shall have a Feast on the Day of the General Feast.’ The expenses attending these occasions were defrayed by those who participated in them.”

“At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, April 25, 1723, ‘The Tickets were ordered to be Ten Shillings each.’”

Just about what we are charged on this occasion; taking into consideration the value of the money, it would be about \$2.50 in the currency of that period.

“ ‘The tickets were ordered to be ten shillings each, impressed from a curious copper plate, and sealed with the Grand Master's seal of office, to be disposed of by the Grand Wardens and Stewards.’ The Grand Master and other grand officers were installed into office, and other important business transacted at these Communications.”

As we have been doing in this jurisdiction for the last seventeen years.

“ By the present regulations of the Grand Lodge of England, printed in 1855, it is declared that ‘there shall be a Masonic festival, annually, on the Wednesday next following Saint George's day, which shall be dedicated to brotherly love and refreshment, and to which all regular Masons shall have access, on providing themselves with tickets from the Grand Stewards of the year ;’ and further, that ‘eighteen Grand Stewards shall be annually appointed, for the regulation of the grand festival, under the direction of the Grand Master.’ ”

It will be observed that in England they changed the day for the observance of this feast from Saint John *Evangelist's* day, the 27th of December, to Saint George's day, some time in April, I think.

“ I have cited sufficient to show that ‘the feast’ is, with our English Brethren, an ancient Masonic landmark, which they steadfastly regard to the present time. But, how have we, of this jurisdiction, departed from this ancient custom — from the command of the Warrant by which our Institution was first organized on these shores! The restoration of these social Communications would, no doubt, strengthen and harmonize our Union, and animate to greater exertions to promote our common prosperity. Of late years, the practice has to some degree prevailed of celebrating St. John Baptist's day among the Brethren of the country, not by the Fraternity generally, but by particular Lodges. This anniversary, occurring in the warm season, is appropriately commemorated away from crowded cities. May we not, in a spirit of reciprocity, attract our Brethren of the interior to social enjoyment in the metropolis? And what more suitable season offers than that in which occurs St. John Evangelist's day, which is set apart by the Constitutions for the installation of the officers of this Grand Lodge? ”

I will not tire you with reading much more, and what will follow will be exceedingly brief. The address from which I have quoted was referred to a committee, who reported at a subsequent Communication of the Grand Lodge, in these words (there were various subjects which attracted the attention of the committee, but I will only refer to that relating to this festival) :—

“ The fourth matter referred to in the Grand Master's address is the observance of Masonic festivals at stated periods ; this subject was so clearly and forcibly presented by the Grand Master that it cannot fail to commend itself to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. As it is an ancient landmark recognized by our Constitutions, your committee regard it as the prerogative of the Grand Master to order its observance, whenever, in his judgment, it shall be deemed expedient.”

That was at the Quarterly Communication, Sept. 9, 1857 ; the members of the Committee were S. W. Robinson, Past Grand Master and W. S. Gardner, who was then Grand Marshal. Afterwards the latter became known to us as one of the most able and accomplished of our Grand Masters. Permit me to say that I am happy to learn that His Excellency the Governor has, in his wisdom, appointed our Brother Gardner to preside over one of the courts of this Commonwealth. No better selection could have been made to fill the vacancy to which he has been appointed.

You will thus see, Brethren, that the Grand Feast had not been thus far re-established. During the late summer and most of the autumn of 1857 there occurred one of those panics in commercial affairs which spread disaster and alarm through the community. In consideration of this event the Grand Master postponed the revival of the Grand Feast in these words, addressed to the Grand Lodge :—

"I had intended to have ordered a 'Grand Feast' on this memorable day, in compliance with the command given to our first Grand Master, and with an ancient custom of the Craft; but, owing to the depressing influences under which our community is now suffering, it was thought advisable not to attempt its re-establishment at this time. I still hold to the opinion, however, that the occasion that brings us together at this season would be more attractive and beneficial by connecting with it moderate festivity."

The revival of this Grand Feast occurred on the 27th of December, 1858, seventeen years ago. It was celebrated in **AMPLE FORM**. A Table Lodge was opened and conducted to the end of the Feast with temperate enjoyment. The Grand Master made an historical address, showing what had been the observance of the festival in England and America. That address covers some dozen pages of our Proceedings. Since that time the feast has been annually observed, except in the year 1861, when, instead of the material banquet, we had one of an intellectual character, provided by our learned Brother William R. Alger.

It seems important to me that this festival of Saint John the Evangelist should be strictly observed as one of the means of bringing together the Masonic Brotherhood in the grand philanthropic work which they have in charge; and here we are assembled this evening, with probably about seventy-five Brethren around these tables. Why, Right Worshipful Brother Titus we ought to have a thousand Brethren here to-night!

R.W. BROTHER, TITUS. — Amen!

R.W. BROTHER HEARD. — What greater enjoyment can there be for Masons to meet together in an annual assembly like this, for the purpose of celebrating the Masonic memories! I think, most Worshipful, it would be an easy thing to stir up among the Brethren more excitement, much more of interest with reference to this occasion. Do you suppose that a single

Master of a Lodge in Boston has brought the subject of the celebration of this Feast before his Lodge? I venture to say not one. And here we have—I do not know the exact number—some twenty Lodges in Boston, who meet ordinarily in this Temple, who, if they could have been addressed pertinently upon this question as to the observance of this day, by their respective Masters, would have given us tables crowded sufficiently to fill Music Hall or Faneuil Hall. I trust that something will be done before another year to awaken a true sense of the importance of the celebration of this great day.

THE GRAND MASTER.—Brethren:—In introducing to you this evening Brethren who are to address you I shall confine myself to a very few remarks. I intend that you shall hear more from them and less from me, which will be most gratifying to you.

We have with us this evening another Past Grand Master, whose genial countenance has smiled upon us while surrounding the festive board, and who has been one of the most constant attendants of the Grand Lodge. I introduce to you Right Worshipful Past Grand Master William D. Coolidge.

R. W. Brother Coolidge responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—I have listened with great interest to the explanation which has been given by our Right Worshipful Brother Heard, and I accede most fully to every thought and idea he has expressed; and I have thought that, perhaps, you would listen to a few words from him who is now the oldest Past Grand Master among you, as to the real pith and meaning of this anniversary. The Christmas chimes have but ceased upon our ears; the holy and blessed influences of the Sabbath have shed their softening

influence upon our hearts; we have had just enough of business to remind us that we have duties to perform; and could there be a more fitting occasion to bring us together, where, united in the bonds of love and fellowship, we can commemorate the memory of him who was Fidelity itself? We have studied that history; we know the history of Saint John the Baptist; we know the sad and tragic end that he met with, at the instance of Herodias. But the loving, gentle, beloved Disciple of the Saviour was Saint John the Evangelist. He was permitted to lay his head upon the Master's bosom, and receive those gentle caresses. He was one with Him—the Beloved Disciple; he followed Him faithfully, even to the cross; and the Master made a Brother of him by exclaiming, "Mother, look upon thy son." And from that day that Disciple took her to his own home; and we learn by tradition that she lived fifteen years in his home. And so, too, all through his ministry, what a lesson of fidelity does it teach us who claim him as our patron Saint! Is there not a duty incumbent upon us to follow the example of him whom we have chosen as our patron? And so, through all the years of his life, even to an hundred years old, when the silver chord of life was loosened, and the golden bowl of that heart broken, so full of love was he that he could only exclaim, in the fervor of his affection, "Little children, love one another." Brethren, are these not lessons for us? Does it not speak to us, trumpet-tongued, to be faithful and true? We have chosen that pure and saintly soul to be our Patron Saint. Let us see to it that we are worthy followers of him.

You will pardon me, my Brethren, for I am an old man now. You keep reporting me years and years gone by, until I begin to realize my gray hairs; and, therefore, these words of truth and soberness you will receive kindly and warmly from my heart. If I have one wish, above all others, for all of you,

with whom I have taken such sweet counsel for so many years, I would say, — May the gentle and tender sympathies and influences of the Christmas season be yours, and a Happy New Year to each one of you.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren: — In rising to introduce to you our Right Worshipful Brother Coolidge, I alluded to the fact that he has been constant in attendance upon all the meetings of the Grand Lodge. The Brother I am about to introduce has not been so constant an attendant, but the reason is satisfactory to me and to you; and that is, his son wished to attend all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and it was impossible for the father and son to be absent from their place of business at the same time. I give you the health of our Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, William Parkman.

R.W. Bro. Parkman responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: — I rise under a great deal of embarrassment, for the reason that while the Brethren who have preceded me have been taking notes, I regret to say that I have been so occupied by my mercantile affairs, that it has been about as much as I could do to take up the notes I had out.

R.W. BROTHER COOLIDGE. — I haven't any to take up.

R.W. BROTHER PARKMAN. — Well, you ought to thank the Lord for being so highly blessed. When I come before the Grand Lodge I always speak with a great deal of diffidence; and yet, when the subject under discussion is like the one now before us, I think that no Brother present can find the way down to the heart, or enjoy the table exercises better than that humble individual who now addresses you. If there is in this world, so

full of the blessings of Divine Providence, any one thing above all others that I love to participate in, it is just such enjoyments as we are experiencing here, around the social board, where fellowship and brotherly feeling prevail. Ever since I have been a member of the Fraternity, which is now a good many years, I have never let a year go by without celebrating this anniversary. I believe that what Brother Heard has said are just the words that every one of us ought to take into our hearts; and I sincerely hope that before another year elapses, they shall so thoroughly inoculate every one of the Brethren, that there will be a thousand, instead of the meagre handful we have here now. I can only say to those here, that I hope they will carry away such an influence that the feast next year will be celebrated in a larger hall, and that we shall have music suited to the occasion. I wish I could talk as the Brothers who have preceded me; but it isn't in me. I travelled a good many years with Dr. Lewis, and he gave me such views of the funny side of human nature, that I don't think of anything to say when I stand upon my feet, except to make the Brethren laugh and feel good. Therefore, I say I rose with a good deal of diffidence. Those who are to come after me are prepared with notes, and will give you something worth hearing, and carrying away and remembering.

But I do really love to be with you, Brethren, and be present upon these occasions. On Saturday last, I had one of the most golden hours, with some few of the Brethren who met together to celebrate Christmas, that I have ever had the pleasure of enjoying. There were many good things said, to which every one responded Amen, and I went away impressed with the idea that Christmas day is a time for taking a retrospect of the past, and looking at the prospects for the future; and when we ought to think of and remember the dear loving ones who have gone to

the other side of the river, and who will put a candle in the window to light us on. How many there are who step out from year to year! and how many others step in — like the armies of Napoleon — good, kind, generous, ready and loyal to bear the standard of the Grand Lodge upward and onward; for so we have been going on since 1733 to the present, every single Grand Master bigger and better than the last. And we are going on more gloriously, and going forward to a still brighter future. It has been the history of the past, and what is to be will be; and this will be, because it is right, and true, and just.

Now, Most Worshipful, I have given them all of my “mug” that I wish to present; but a few days ago I fell in with a Brother who said to me, “I have a curious pitcher that I was about to present to the Historical Society of Salem, and which is full of Masonic emblems that cannot be deciphered.” — Said I, “Why do you give it to the Historical Society of Salem? Why not give it to the Grand Lodge?” — Said he, “I cannot present it to them.” — I said there was a beautiful text of Scripture in which the Saviour told one of his disciples to go into a certain city and there he would find a pitcher, and prepare a feast; and I asked him to give me the pitcher for this feast. This is the pitcher [holding it up], which is covered with Masonic emblems. It isn't quite so handsome a mug as the one presented when I rose. But at the same time it is covered with Masonic emblems. This pitcher was sold at auction in New Hampshire over a hundred years ago. It is a very ancient thing, and full of interest, and I hope some of our wise men will be able to decipher the emblems. I wish to present it in the name of Brother Dana Z. Smith, and have it put in the archives of the Grand Lodge. I haven't had time to examine it thoroughly, but while I did look into the interior there were visions of glorious punch, and my mind went back to the time when

Masons loved punch, and everybody drank punch, and when the judges drank punch. I believe, if this pitcher is properly explained by some very bright Mason, that in the time to come the judges will allow us to hold up the pitcher and taste the nectar from its precious lips. Allow me to present it, Most Worshipful. Brethren, I thank you for listening so attentively. I am sorry for saying so much, and if I have said anything you don't like, I will take it all back.

THE GRAND MASTER.—If it be your pleasure that the pitcher be accepted, and our thanks returned to the donor, please say aye.

All responded aye, and the Grand Master continued:—

Brethren, I have now the pleasure of introducing to you an honored Brother, who has not only given a great deal of instruction to us younger and even older Masons, but who has done much to promote the interests of the Grand Lodge, and adorn our Proceedings. I give you the health of Right Worshipful Brother Judge William Sewall Gardner.

The Brethren rose and gave three cheers, with prolonged applause.

R.W. Brother Gardner responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.—When the sentiment was given to-night, of toasting the two Holy Saints John, Baptist and Evangelist, it seemed to me that, after all, the celebration of this festival was but following out the old pagan celebrations which existed long before the days of Christ. Long

before the Christians observed it, a day similar to our Christmas was always celebrated to indicate that the days of darkness and depression had ceased ; that the sun had reached his farthest southern declination ; and as indicative of hope for the future. The Romans had it, and it was called the Roman Saturnalia ; the Egyptians had it in their peculiar worship, and my Right Worshipful Brother Woodbury can give you various other instances of what was then called solar worship. We have, on the right hand and on the left, Saint John the Evangelist, and Saint John the Baptist ; St. John the Evangelist's Day, just after the sun has reached its most southern declination ; and St. John the Baptist's Day, just after the sun has reached its most northern declination, — the winter solstice and the summer solstice. And, although my Right Worshipful Brother has alluded most beautifully to the connection which exists between the Christian celebration of Christmas and our celebration, the truth is there is no connection at all between them. Ours stretches away back into pagan times, before Christianity, when these two days were celebrated in precisely the same way, and the same manner. I have read somewhere that the *fathers* accepted these two solstices in precisely the same way that we believe them at the present time, or as we celebrate them : one represented by the hardy visage of Saint John the Baptist, and the other by the beautiful, loving, affectionate, humble face of Saint John the Evangelist. And so, Brethren, we have always celebrated one or the other of these feasts here since 1733, transmitted by the hand of our Grand Master of England, and stretching back for centuries ; wherever Masons have lived one or the other of these two days has been celebrated since Masonry was known. And I believe, Brethren, that a hundred years ago to-day, here in the beleaguered city of Boston, then surrounded by the continental troops, when English troops and

English Masons were shut up here in the city of Boston, I believe that then, a hundred years ago last night, was celebrated the festival of Saint John the Evangelist, at the house of our late Grand Master Cutler, who was then residing in Boston, and whose sympathies were strongly in favor of the royalists who then had possession of the city. It is a fact that the old St. John's Grand Lodge, as we know, was composed, with the single exception of its Grand Master Rowe, of men who were royalists, and believed in the success of the crown of England here; while the Massachusetts Grand Lodge was composed of such men as Warren, Revere, Morton, and others whose names it is not necessary to mention, who belonged to the party of rebels, and true, patriotic sons of liberty. And that is one of the reasons why the old St. John's Grand Lodge declined, and why it never had a meeting which they cared to put upon their records after the city of Boston was surrounded by the continental troops. Now, a short time after the city of Boston was relieved of the English troops, when the people were permitted to come in here, when the body of Warren was discovered on Breed's Hill, and after his remains were interred in the Granary Burying Ground on Tremont Street, then it was that the old Massachusetts Lodge got together and celebrated the event; and afterward, on the 8th of March, 1777, formed an independent Grand Lodge.

I have only this to say, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that when the time comes round I hope that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will celebrate the date of its independence in some such place as Faneuil Hall, where all the Craft can gather together and celebrate it in a becoming manner.

THE GRAND MASTER. — I am now to introduce to you a Brother who probably stands second to none in this State

for the vast amount of labor he has performed in the cause of Freemasonry. At the time when the finances of this Grand Lodge were in a most desperate condition he put his shoulder to the wheel and carried us through, and but for him we should not be here to-night to celebrate this honored feast. When he retired from the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts you might naturally suppose that he would have laid down a part of the burden borne so long. But, on the contrary, he seems to have labored more zealously in the cause of Freemasonry than before. I give you the health of Past Grand Master Sereno D. Nickerson.

R.W. Brother Nickerson responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.—Five minutes ago I was at a loss for an idea with which to commence the remarks which I knew, from the course you had taken in calling upon the Past Grand Masters, would lead to a call upon myself. You have alluded to me in altogether too complimentary terms, I must confess, as a working Mason. I am sorry to say I have never learned to be a talking Mason. I have been nearly twenty years a Mason, and during all that period I think I may fairly claim to have been a working Mason. But the more I have worked the more interest I have taken in the Institution, the more pride I have felt in it, and the more ambition I have felt to do everything in my power to raise it, to promote its interests, and to lift it to the position which I think it ought to occupy, not only in the opinion of its votaries, but in the opinion of the outside world.

But, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on an occasion like this, it is not for me or for any Brother to speak of himself. This is an occasion which Masons ought to take a pride in cele-

brating; which Masons ought to feel an interest in making a festive occasion for the whole Fraternity. And why? Because it is the festive day of Saint John, the Saint John who was the exemplar of the great Masonic principle of brotherly love. The idea of loving a woman had been talked of, thought of, and acted upon by millions of men, I may say. It is the easiest thing in the world for any man to love his mother or sister, or to love another man's sister, if need be. There was no necessity for having an apostle to preach that doctrine. That comes naturally to every man. It was necessary to have an apostle to preach the doctrine of brotherly love, love to men; and that doctrine Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, especially, did preach, and for that reason, we, as Masons, ought to honor them.

I hope, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the ideas which have been suggested by those who have spoken before me may take root, and that the suggestions which have been heard may induce the Brethren to do everything that they can to promote the celebration of this truly Masonic Feast of Saint John the Evangelist. It is calculated not only to teach and impress upon our minds this important principle of brotherly love, love to each other, love to men, which it is so necessary should be continually enforced upon us; but it is calculated also to suggest to us a great many of the other Masonic virtues. It is calculated to bring us more closely together, and to make us feel that we do really belong to a Fraternity which has existed from time immemorial. It is calculated to excite our pride in the Masonic Institution; to induce us to promote, by every means in our power, not only its reputation, but, what is still more important, its usefulness.

I do not think that there is one Mason in a thousand who realizes what the Masonic Institution is, what it has done in the

past, or what it is capable of in the future — not one in a thousand. Very few Masons have read its history. Much of this, it is true, is wrapped in the obscurity of the past; but there is a great deal that by the observant, thinking mind can be traced most distinctly and positively in the good which has been done throughout past ages, in almost every country in the world.

During the worst days of the French Republic the Masonic Fraternity was immensely powerful, though it is not generally known outside of our Institution, and perhaps it is not well that it should be. In our own country it was extremely useful and beneficial. I believe that if it had not been for the Masonic Fraternity our freedom would never have been accomplished. It is too much the custom of late days for even prominent, distinguished Masons, who ought to know a great deal better, to represent that this kind of talk is all nonsense, bosh, etc.; but such sentiments originate with those who never did anything to elevate the Institution, and are doing everything to pull it down. It is true that from the inception of Masonry to the present time it has been active, powerful and energetic, though secret, in promoting the best interests of humanity throughout the world; and especially has it been a very powerful organization in promoting the interest of freedom in every country. I believe that the more you study the history of Masonry the more you will be convinced of the truth of this statement.

Well, now, if my opinion is correct; if the Masonic Fraternity has been so useful throughout the different ages and in the different countries in which it has existed, it is our bounden duty to do everything we can to maintain it in its purity, integrity and dignity, so that it may continue not only to be useful in a quiet way, as it has been during the lives of most of the Masons now

living, in protecting the interests of humanity in our midst; but, also, when the time comes — as I believe it will, at no distant day, in this country — that it may be useful to protect the best interests of humanity wherever it may be called upon to act.

For this reason, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I think we do well to meet on this festive day of him whose name and whose life was consecrated to the promotion of brotherly love throughout the whole human family. We do well to meet and honor his memory; to do everything we can to stimulate the exercise of those principles in every way in our power.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, it was a source of great gratification to me to know that every Past Grand Master who is now living was present at my installation. One of them, R.W. Brother Dame, came up here and stayed a short time, but was obliged to leave and return home, as he has an important business engagement to-morrow. With that exception, I have introduced to you all the Past Grand Masters now living. In introducing the other Brethren, I do not propose to lay out any particular line of introduction, but shall call upon them as they suggest themselves to me by their countenances. We have a Brother here, to-day, who has been of inestimable service to me during the last year. He presided over the Grand Lodge in my absence, in consequence of sickness, last spring, and he has taken my place on one or two occasions in dedicating halls. He has not only been with me at every regular meeting of the Grand Lodge, but on many special occasions, often at great inconvenience. If there is a Mason at heart, I know it is Deputy Grand Master Charles A. Welch.

R.W. Brother Welch responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—I thank you for the kind manner in which you have alluded to me. If I have been of the slightest assistance to you, I am somewhat astonished at it, for I know how little you need, and how little I can render to you. But when you spoke of taking up any one you happen to recognize by their countenances, or to catch their eyes, I felt safe; but when you alluded to me, I was astonished to find that you could see out of the back of your head, for your eyes were as far removed from me as could be.

Our Brother Parkman said he addressed you under some embarrassment. I confess to a greater embarrassment than he. He spoke of notes that he had to take up; but I see that

“ A chiel’s amang ye takin’ notes,
An’ faith he’ll prent it.”

But I assure him that I shall speak so fast that it will be impossible to get down anything I have said.

This is called the Feast of Saint John, and I suppose it is, for the Most Worshipful Grand Master has the right to make any day he pleases the Feast of Saint John. When I was invited to attend this feast, I unfortunately left my notice behind me, and I looked in the Almanac, where I found that the Feast of St. John came on Monday, the 27th of December. I saw no reason why we shouldn’t meet on Monday, except that it was washing-day; but very few of the male portion of the community have anything to do with the duties of that day. I informed some of my Brethren who came with me, and they have remained, so far as I can see, till to-night. But I looked to see what day this was, and I found it was the Feast of the Innocents. And when I look around me and see those sitting on each side of me, I can well understand why the Grand Master nominated this day for the feast, for no one will deny that Brothers Parkman and Woodbury partake of the character of Innocents.

But whether this be the Feast of Saint John, or the Innocents, I have no doubt the love we all have for each other—the love that was exhibited in the character of Saint John the Evangelist—is the great thing that binds Masons together. We may talk of our charity, in the modern sense, but after all it is love that binds us all together. We know very well that when we meet a Brother Mason, we feel differently towards him from what we feel towards another person. Even if we meet in the controversies of life, the moment we know a Brother Mason our hearts warm towards him. Brother Woodbury knows that, for he has a controversial turn of mind, a talent for mixing up strife, as I have for allaying it.

It is a glorious thing to meet those who belong to the Masonic Body; to meet a man and know that you can place implicit confidence and trust in him. And, for a man engaged in the active business of the world, Masonry is a most glorious Institution. And Brethren, furthermore, I do believe that the best adoration that a man can pay to his Heavenly Father, the Great Architect of the Universe, is in bearing love towards those created beings amongst whom his lot is cast. However excellent a thing prayer may be, however excellent it may be to offer up our adoration to the Supreme Being, and to rest upon him with confidence for support in tribulations, we can come to him with a purer heart if we have cultivated that love which we ought to cultivate, and which is the glory of our Masonic Order. But I will put these words in far better language than I can command, by quoting from Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner," who had been guilty of an offence to one of God's created beings. After having told the story of his crime, he says:—

"Farewell! farewell! but this I tell
To thee, thou wedding-guest!
He prayeth well who loveth well
Both man, and bird, and beast;

He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

THE GRAND MASTER.—Brethren, there is another Brother here who has done a great deal to adorn the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and given a great deal of instruction in relation to the antiquity of Freemasonry. I do not wish to be understood as bestowing too much flattery, but I am sure you will all agree with me that he is the most profound Masonic scholar in this country, if not in the world. I say this from my own conviction, and am proud of his connection with our Grand Lodge. I give you the health of Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Master, the Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury.

R. W. Brother Woodbury responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—After your flattering eulogy I should probably behave best were I to put my finger in my mouth, sit still and look modest. But, having been rallied by the flattering remarks of Brother Welch, I don't feel, at this moment, like looking modest. The fact is, I feel cheered by the sight of this grand congregation of Masons. I don't see the meagre assemblage that one of the Past Grand Masters spoke of; but it looks to me as if it was about as weighty a body of men as you could bring together. I like to see these men who have some avoirdupois about them. There is a balance between the brain work and digestion that indicates a good heart and a sound head. It requires good works to make a good Mason. We have two sorts of duties: one, to keep within the landmarks of old Masonry; the other,

to press forward to the objects and final consummation of Masonry. It isn't going to come in one or two generations; perhaps it is never to come. But still, like two converging lines, we approach the culmination of all the duties for which we are here upon this earth.

Now, there is one thing in which Masonry, according to the Constitutions of 1723, when the Grand Lodge of London was reorganized, differs from all other organizations that have flourished successively upon earth, and that is our doctrine of religious toleration. We have a Masonry for all the world, for all the creeds of the world, for all the nations of the world. Look into those articles of the Constitutions, and you will see that one of the great objects of Masonry is to preserve morality; to be careful in the selection of our candidates, in order that good men of all sects and creeds should be brought together, that they may become better acquainted, and learn to practise the virtue of toleration. And when I see Masons slinking away from this great duty, and settling Masonry down upon one creed, I think they want to be brought back to the fact that religious toleration is a duty.

I am glad to see here assembled together so many members of the Order; but I wish we were so metropolitan in Boston that we could have Jews, Arabs, Greeks, Chinese, and men of all other nations of the earth — good men and true — assembled together around the Masonic Board, that we might be all of one Fraternity and Brotherhood; that the same raps of the gavel would call us up; that the same Masonic signs would make one rush to the other in the performance of Masonic duty.

The institutions of the world have sometimes swayed mankind towards intolerance, and sometimes back towards toleration. But Masonry confined itself to religious toleration,

and we should keep that fact in our minds. The learned Past Grand Master, who sits immediately on my right [R.W. Brother Gardner], spoke of what Masonry did in the Revolutionary times. Masonry has done more for humanity, taken as a whole, than any other organized institution which has existed under the sun. I wish I knew, I wish that history could point out to me, that great man who first inscribed upon the banners of Freemasonry "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity,"—that great watchword of human progress, by the aid of which feudal despotism has been broken down, America become free, sovereign and independent; and under which the working classes of Europe are destined to achieve a like independence. We took it from Europe; it took to us; it was not invented here, but, under a favorable soil and influences, our Masons caught up the word and carried it through those dark struggles of the Revolution, through those times that tried men's souls, until they inscribed it upon the heavens, among the stars, to stand there so long as men have the will to be free; and so long as humanity tries to elevate itself to the skies those glorious principles, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," will remain there.

Now, sir, excuse me, but one word again for the past. The two Saints John, as the Right Worshipful Brother Gardner has described, represent the two positions of the sun in its passage around the world, because, in that ancient land to which he referred, the doctrine that the earth went round the sun was not the accredited Eastern doctrine. On the contrary the earth was considered the centre of the system, and the sun was supposed to move round the earth. Therefore, when the sun declined and went through the winter solstice, he was supposed to go under the earth into the region of Hades, of Death, of Hell, and to come up again somewhere about the time of

our Easter. In the old worship of Egypt, occurs the passage of Osiris, who was supposed, when the sun had sunk into the Southern solstice, and the winter season prevailed, to be pursued by Typhon or the Devil, quartered and torn to pieces, and to be again gathered together and raised up as his son Horus, who was type of the morning, the Spring; and when he came up he was Ammon-Ra, the all-powerful Sun.

In most of the antique creeds the sun, as the prime intermediate giver of light, heat and food, was the symbol of the eternal male power. Thus also Malachi prophesies that the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings. Thus also our Lodges, in the recovery of Hiram from the effects of the attack of the wintry ruffians, linger around the same symbol. Thus also the Christian Church, in analogy with the doctrine of light, celebrate the festal day of the witness St. John on the midsummer, and that of the Apostle of Light at the point in midwinter where hope for the future springs toward development. The day we now celebrate.

This dedication to the Holy Saints John is as old as the oldest custom that we know of; and on this continent has always been strictly adhered to. Since the union of the two rival Grand Lodges in England they have substituted St. George's Day for Saint John the Evangelist's, but in my opinion it was poor judgment, for they had better stick to the ancient lights.

Now, as to the St. John's Lodge, there was a St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth, N. H., formed in 1735 or '36, and they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in this form:—

“We, Masons of Portsmouth, who have been practising Masonry together, understanding that you, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, have got a Special Dispensation from England, conferring higher powers than we have, petition you to receive a Charter from

you, under those higher powers, that we may practise Masonry in unison with the organizations in the rest of the world."

You remember having been told, in the early days, of a time when Masons met together without keeping records, all acting upon their own instincts, meeting and having a Lodge, and separating when they chose. Now, these old Masons of Portsmouth had been carrying on Masonry in that way ; but in 1736, learning that higher powers had been obtained in Boston, they petitioned Brother Price, then Provincial Grand Master, and they obtained those powers. In following out some investigations, devolved upon me by the Grand Lodge, I had occasion to examine the archives of that old Lodge in Portsmouth, and I found that they had kept the Feasts of Saints John Baptist and Evangelist with equal care and strict attention at all times.

About a hundred years or a little more ago, probably about the middle of the last century, one of the leading Masons in Portsmouth was Dr. Jackson, a gentleman of high standing and character, who seems to have got into a dispute in the Lodge ; for, on St. John's day, instead of joining with his Lodge, he gave a dinner party at his house, about three miles above the town. At the next Lodge meeting, resolutions were introduced to call him to account for not being present at the dinner given by the Lodge on that occasion. And it was very clear, from reading those old records, that it was a serious thing, and that Dr. Jackson had to look around him to see how to get out of the scrape. Evidently there had been a quarrel. He got the committee to postpone the case from one Quarterly Meeting to another, and to wait about a year and a half, until the ill-temper, consequent upon this defiance of the Lodge, died away, when he came in, apologized, and received absolution. It was clear that Dr. Jackson came very near expulsion for giving a

dinner party on a day when the Lodge celebrated the Feast of Saint John.

I don't think the Brethren who have preceded me have given the entire story why we celebrate this Saint John's day more particularly than Saint John Baptist's. St. John Baptist's day comes in midsummer, when we have light in fullness. This day comes in the dead of winter, when hope is just springing, when the dark days have passed, and the sun is just beginning to rise from the depth of Hades.

But you must remember that, in the words of the Great Master, who said that John the Baptist came eating bread and drinking water —

A BROTHER. — And wine.

No sir, water. And they said, "Behold a man possessed with a devil." But when the Son of Man came drinking wine and eating bread, they said, "Behold a winebibber and a glutton." Now, John the Baptist came in the desert, clothed in camel's hair and skins, eating locusts and wild honey — very poor food for a banquet — but John, the beloved disciple, came with the first sign and symbol that preceded the Master's work, which was the pouring out of the rich wine for the feast of the marriage of Cana. So we, following out the principle of St. John the Evangelist, would celebrate this feast, and partake of the cup that cheers, but not inebriates.

I give you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the health of all Masons throughout the entire world.

The Brethren all rose, and heartily responded to the sentiment.

R.W. BROTHER HEARD. — I would remind Right Worshipful Brother Woodbury that in the Warrant given to Henry Price we were required to observe Saint John Evangelist's day.

R.W. BROTHER WOODBURY. — And we have.

R.W. BROTHER HEARD. — I think we have.

THE GRAND MASTER. — We have just heard what the law has to say about Freemasonry; let us now hear from the church. I introduce to you Worshipful and Reverend Brother Young, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

W. Grand Chaplain Young responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:— What shall I say to you? I am supposed, as Chaplain, to conduct the devotional services of the Lodge, and so far as I can, by words of instruction, to lead your thoughts in a religious and spiritual direction. But seeing that that duty has been so admirably performed by all who have preceded me, I feel that my occupation is gone; for certainly, better sermons, and less dull ones, or more brilliant in effect and learning, I have not listened to for a long time, though excuse me for saying that I don't always assent to the exegesis, or to the theological interpretation that may be given. But, inasmuch as we are here to practise religious toleration — and *always* to practise it — that matter can be overlooked.

The other day I saw a rather funny thing, illustrating somewhat the speaking of words that you don't mean, to this effect: A certain supernumerary in a theatre was to perform a particular part. There was to be a funeral procession, and the supernumerary was to come on to the stage in the scene, exclaiming, "Make way and let the coffin pass!" He studied the matter a good deal, constantly repeating the line so that he should make no mistake. Finally the hour came when he should rush upon the stage, and on he came with the grandeur of a small official, and cried, "Make way and let the *parson*

cough!" So I suppose that I am called upon at this time not to make a speech, but to cough.

But, sir, to tell anecdotes and say witty things is not my part, and therefore I must run in the same direction as those who have preceded me, and utter my full conviction that in the Providence of God the Masonic Fraternity is one of the grandest instruments towards the production of peace and unity among the races that can be mentioned.

The other evening, on a certain occasion, I alluded to the influence of Masonry during the rebellion. Since then I heard a story, from one who was in the war, which beautifully illustrated the influence of Masonry in the direction of love and fraternity. In one of the battles in Virginia General Woodworth, — I think that is the name, — of Vermont, fell, and his body was within the enemy's lines. His friends wished to obtain it, and a Federal officer, who was a Mason, said to the sentinel, who was also a Mason, "You go down to the shore of the stream, and if you see a man on the other side make some signal to him of a Masonic character." He went down to the shore, and by and by he saw a person on the opposite side. He gave the signal, but no answer was returned. The next morning when he went down he repeated the practice with the same result; no answer was given. Finally the officer himself went down and made some signals, and he soon found them answered on the opposite side. In the course of the day communication was had, the body was given into the hands of its friends, and carried home to Vermont for interment. The rebel officer in his communication with the American officer said that the sentinel on the other side did not know what those signals meant.

Now, it is just that, Brethren. The world laughs at our signs and calls them nonsense. But their object is to touch the

secret springs through which we are brought into close and intimate connection with others, and are enabled, as in the case illustrated, to close a bloody chasm, and bring enemies into the relation of friends.

And so in the secret character of our organization. Why, all the grand forces of nature are secret. God himself is a great secret, a great mystery; the eye does not look upon him, the ear does not hear him, the hand cannot touch him, and yet we believe in his boundless love and wisdom and power, and we worship that Great Unseen and Invisible One. Life is secret and invisible. The surgeon, the dissector, can cut the body and lay open its parts; but he cannot lay his knife upon the secret life and expose it to the eye. The air is invisible. We only feel it on our cheeks; we hear its music in the forests. Electricity is invisible. Gravitation is invisible. All the secret powers and forces that move the world and hold systems together are unseen and secret, eluding the eye and hand. So it is in this grand Institution of ours, which I believe we cannot too much praise and too much love, Brethren, nor too much honor in our own manly characters, in our own upright lives, and in our loving dispositions. It is that very characteristic of Masonry which gives it the power that is, to-day, in a hundred thousand ways that we don't see, moving the world onward, and lifting it up nearer to the skies, and preaching that love and brotherly kindness which shall make the earth we live on like the heaven we aspire to.

Only one thing should be remembered, and if remembered it will increase our numbers at this and other festivals: That Masonry is a thing not outward; that Masonry, true Masonry, touches the deepest affections of the heart, the hidden springs of man's moral and spiritual nature; and makes him better and purer, and more loving in his spirit and disposition, and makes

him a man who loves to meet with his fellow-men and to eat and drink with them. And while eating and drinking it is not simply to support animal life. When God gave us this bodily necessity to eat he gave us that which almost more than anything else that belongs to ordinary life brings us together. Why, you cannot quarrel with a man with whom you are accustomed to eat at table. You cannot be at enmity with a man with whom you day after day partake bread. And there is the grand significance of the Lord's Supper, — the drinking from the same cup, the taking of the same elements of life and sustenance, assimilating them into the being, and becoming one body.

THE GRAND MASTER. — While we know there is no connection between Freemasonry and politics, yet we cannot fail to have observed the fact that when a Mason living in a certain community, and having the esteem and respect of the Fraternity, holds a high office, those who are not of the Order believe that there must be more virtue in Masonry than they know of. This has been very happily the result in the election of the Mayor of New Bedford, and I give you the health of our Right Worshipful Brother Howland, Senior Grand Warden.

R.W. Brother Howland responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: — I am utterly void of language with which to add one jot or tittle to the very excellent and impressive remarks, to which we have listened, from the lips of those who have preceded me. I am ashamed to stand up and acknowledge that I have not the ability to address you in a manner becoming the honorable position to which you have unanimously called me. But we are not all born to be speech-makers, historians, or orators. We

are not all born with the same special virtues, or the same characteristics, in mercantile and business life. We are each singled out, in our own individuality, to perform certain duties ; and, although I have been so unanimously honored by the Brethren of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yet I have to acknowledge, in your presence, my utter inability to address you in a manner satisfactory to myself, and, I feel sure, to you.

It is true, that together with brotherly love and Freemasonry are sometimes coupled politics and social relations in all our communities. It is also true, as the Most Worshipful Grand Master has stated, that I have received the highest compliment, for a second time, at the hands of my fellow-citizens. Nevertheless, in all the honors heaped upon me by the Grand Lodge and my fellow-citizens of the municipality, my total ignorance of the management and flow of language fails me upon an occasion like this.

But who is there among us that has listened to the eloquent remarks, and the narration of historical events, to which we have listened, but feels that this occasion is one that should be taken home to the heart of every one of us? And who is not fully determined that he will be present at the next anniversary Feast of Saint John the Evangelist? While these sentiments inspire us, let us not feel that we will rest simply by determining to be here ; but let us see that this matter is fairly and plainly brought before the Brethren of the respective municipalities, and that, upon the anniversary of the birth of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, we may fill Faneuil Hall to its utmost capacity, and there properly celebrate the birth of this grand old Institution in this Commonwealth.

Brethren, I again thank you for the highly cordial and fraternal honor which you have conferred upon me. Your duty is accomplished. It remains for me to do my part

in maintaining the honor and integrity of the Masonic Fraternity in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is my intention to give my undivided attention, so far as I can, in discharging my duties in my own city, in being with the Most Worshipful Grand Master ; and, as representing the position of Strength, so far as my ability will allow, I shall attend him upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is assembled upon Regular or Special Communications. And I trust that the year now ensuing may prove to be one of prosperity to the Fraternity, and that peace and concord shall dwell throughout our organization.

THE GRAND MASTER. — We have with us this evening another Brother who has served the Grand Lodge in various capacities for a number of years regularly, and for four years was District Deputy Grand Master of one of our largest Districts. He has this evening retired from the office of Senior Grand Warden, and I give you his health.

R.W. Brother Sawin responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : — It is my painful duty to inform you that at ten minutes before five o'clock, December 27th, 1875, the Sun of the Past Senior Grand Warden set in the west. I had supposed that the epitaph had been written above me, *Requiescat in pace* ; but knowing that we all believe in the resurrection, and fearing that perhaps that resurrection might come this evening, I suggested to my successor that inasmuch as he had been elected Mayor of his city, and had his inaugural address nearly prepared, and inasmuch as one of the cardinal virtues entered into the political caldron of the city, it would be well for him to deliver his address before us, on the same principle as our pastors are said to preach the same sermon in two

different places. But it seems to me he has left me to myself.

Now, Most Worshipful, if it wasn't for one thing, I would make the best speech you ever heard; and that is, the first time I ever attempted to make a speech I made a miserable failure of it; and if I should attempt to make one now, you wouldn't recognize me. So I refrain from it.

Our good Chaplain told an incident of the War, which has called to my mind another. I don't recollect whether I have told it in the Grand Lodge, though I have in the District, and it may be new to some of you.

At the battle of Antietam, Gen. Mansfield advanced with his column, and drove the rebels back over the knoll. Then they rallied and drove him back. The Vermont brigade was then ordered to drive them back. They occupied one side of the knoll, and we the other. We were ordered to fall down, and there the rebel batteries played upon us for some time with shot and shell. On the summit of that knoll was a poor wounded rebel, who had fallen as his troops were retreating, and he lay so that it would be impossible for a man to reach him without being torn to atoms. His leg was broken. He called for help. It seemed almost certain death for any person to attempt to rescue him. After calling several times, he called the Mystic words, when one of the soldiers of a Vermont regiment stepped up, took the wounded comrade off, and both fell fainting in each other's arms. That showed what the power of Masonry could do at that time.

Another instance: In the Seven Days' Fight, it was my fortune to fall into the hands of Stonewall Jackson, at Savage Station. I was sent to Richmond, and placed in Libby prison. Our men were suffering terribly. We found men whose limbs had been amputated, and had gone without dressing for ten or fifteen days. They were dying as much for the want of proper

nourishment, as for want of proper care. Strict orders had been given that no Union persons should be allowed to contribute anything to the hospitals, no matter what the circumstances might be. I was not a Mason at the time, but my Steward was, and he said to me, "I have a power about me which I think will supply this hospital with food. I shall try it, if I get put in Castle Thunder." The result was that he soon had an under current working, that supplied that hospital with delicacies and other things which every other hospital failed to receive. And that is what made me a Mason. I had thought, many times before, that it must be a good organization, but I was busy, and refrained from making application. But I said then, "If there is a power in Masonry that makes men Brothers like this, it is something worth having." That is one reason why I became a Mason; and I thank God I did.

I did not rise to make a speech, but as I was sitting in the Grand West, thinking that my sun was fast declining, I looked at the venerable heads seated at your right, and thought to myself what a benefit that class of men was. Why, they look like what we call, in the army, the dead line: persons who have outlived their usefulness, and whom we cherish for what they have done. Then the idea struck me that they are just the body of men who can be of the greatest benefit to this Grand Lodge. It is well known to all of you that one of the greatest things that cripples the usefulness of the Grand Lodge, and the cause of Masonry in this State, is the great debt resting upon us. And I felt that this body of men were the very ones to commence an undertaking to see if that debt could not be rolled off, and we be placed on an equality with our sister Grand Lodges about us, who not only have their Temples paid for, but receive an income from them for the support of destitute widows and children of Masons. I felt that at some suitable

time I would suggest that we make such an organization, and put that body of men in the advance guard. Should such an organization be formed I want the post of surgeon. The post of surgeon is to keep in the rear of the big guns so as to be safe. I want to be close to the rear, and I want the procession to be a long one. We owe it to Masonry, to ourselves, and to the glorious old State, to wipe out this debt, and then the millennium will almost have reached us.

THE GRAND MASTER.—The suggestion just thrown out receives my cordial endorsement, and I shall take it into consideration immediately, and see if something cannot be done to free this Temple from debt. It is a matter that has been in my own mind for many years.

There are several Brethren whom I wish to call upon, and who have all given a great deal of time and attention to the cause of Masonry. There is one Brother who occupied the position of District Deputy Grand Master, and now occupies the position of Chairman of the Committee on Trials and Healing. I introduce to you Right Worshipful Brother Edward Avery.

R.W. Brother Avery responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—Occasions of this kind are not unmixed with misery.

The poor fellow who sits with “one shoe off, and one shoe on,” in solemn, anxious expectation, or who, in spite of constantly increasing difficulties, tries to escape at the East gate, or he who, impelled by some unknown power, stumbles over the rough and rugged road, may be said to be in paradise, when compared with one who feels that he may possibly be called upon for a speech after dinner.

To adopt the language of a modern rhymester —

Ah! what to him's the popping cork,
The foaming glass, the loaded fork?
What to him this merry clatter?
He can empty plate nor platter.
Well he knows these dainty bits
Make fat ribs, but bankrupt wits.
Therefore fasting like a sinner,
Dreading that which follows dinner,
He tries to think, but things wont work.
When called, he rises with a jerk,
And, dazzled by the sound and sight,
He wonders how he got so tight,
For everything goes swimming round;
He speaks, but doesn't hear a sound,
And what he says he cannot tell,
But thinks he's raised a merry —

Well—Most Worshipful, I have been there, and if any Brother thinks I have exaggerated the sensation and wishes to enjoy the felicity of a new one, I will cheerfully give way and let him finish my speech. I do not allude to the venerable Brothers surrounding you, and especially do I except our Right Worshipful Brother on your right (Woodbury), for he has got so used to these things that he clothes his thoughts

In such apt and gracious words
That older ears play truant at his tales,
And younger hearings are quite ravished.

But consider the penalty he has paid. We all know that he lives like an anchorite, like one of our patron saints, neither eating nor drinking, nor expending his lusty vigor in attempts to obey the divine command, "increase and multiply."

It is said that severe intellectual labor produces one of two results — the loss of hair, or softening of the brain. The first has been inflicted, but Heaven has kindly preserved our Right Worshipful Brother from the latter.

It is not, therefore, to him or those like him, that I speak, but to my Brother who has a full head of hair, and an anxious wife awaiting his return.

I beg pardon, Most Worshipful, really I meant to say something when I rose, but these thoughts pressed upon me. I will try to get back to the suggestions.

One of our Brethren has spoken of the obligation that we, as a Nation, are under to the Masonic Fraternity. Why, Most Worshipful, every man who really believes in Republican Institutions — and by Republican Institutions I embrace all that has been said with reference to toleration — can find a perfect model of them in a Lodge of Masons. From amongst ourselves, we select our Master, and implicit obedience is yielded to that Master, not because it is enforced, but because the heart is in the obedience that is rendered. Every Brother stands upon an equality. The equality of Masons is never broken, even when, by a selection from amongst themselves, they give power to him who is to preside over their deliberations and their actions. When his allotted time has passed, — when, like our Right Worshipful Brother, whose benignant rays have been shed upon us for the past twelve months, — and he is asked to step down, by the rules which govern us he descends to the same level with us, only he may excel in the merit shown in the discharge of the duties with which we have clothed him. Thus, in our Lodge, Most Worshipful, we find the true teaching of truly Republican Institutions. But not only that, we go farther. All the morals necessary to good citizenship we teach, and some of them we practise: Temperance. We have assembled around a table freighted with good things, have had that pitcher presented to us, and yet, Most Worshipful, even with the flowing of champagne, not one has passed outside the circle. We use all the gifts of nature without abusing them. Temperance in eating and

drinking we practise, and also temperance in that which sends more sorrow to mankind than all others, — temperance in our language towards others. It isn't the actions of men that make "countless millions mourn," as our old Scotch Brother says, so much as the little words, spoken in thoughtless want of charity, that send a sting into the heart, and make the bitterness afterwards felt by the persons of whom they are spoken. All that temperance embraces we not only teach, but we practise.

But, again, Most Worshipful, the other great element is this, — the social element. If there is anything in the New England character that requires modification, it is that disposition to close up each individual like a clam in his shell, and say, I can paddle my own canoe, and you may take care of yourself, — that spirit of individual independence which knows no leaning upon a Brother, which despises, in one sense, the assistance of a Brother. It is characteristic of us. We have found it permeating all classes of society. If we undertake to analyze our own family relations, we find it entering there; and, instead of having our gatherings month after month, our families assemble yearly, or perhaps bi-yearly, instead of twice a month.

It is, indeed, this spirit of independence which is necessary to be broken through in our old New England character. Here we break through it; for here every Brother knows that he may feel implicit confidence, put his hand upon the shoulder of another Brother, and if, like foolish boys who float on bladders, he ventures out beyond his depth, he knows there is the voice of a Brother that can call him to the shore, and, if he is heedless of the voice, a hand that will extend itself out to draw him in.

It teaches us that, although each can be individually independent, there is a delightful sense of dependence one upon another which we may at any time invoke. Why, I was astonished to-night to see the expressed gratification at the

elevation one of our Brethren has received at the hands of His Excellency the Governor. In that expression there was that spontaneous outpouring of brotherly love which delights as much in the honor of a friend as in one's own honor and advancement; and it seemed to infuse a little new life and spirit into my own mind.

I beg pardon, Most Worshipful; but may I conclude with the hope that the next Feast of Saint John may be as happily passed as that we have enjoyed to-night.

THE GRAND MASTER. — We have another Brother with us to-night who always attends the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and has held various positions of responsibility, which I will not enumerate. He has been District Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden, and is now Chairman of the important Committee on By-Laws. I give you the health of Right Worshipful Brother Salmon.

R.W. Brother Salmon responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: — I had just remarked to a Brother on my left that I should be freed from a call to-night. It could hardly be expected, among the brilliant lights of the evening, that I, coming from the country, should be called upon here. Yet, sir, I never fail to rise and respond to my name.

I have a thought in my mind which has not been touched upon to-night. Among all the brilliant things said, and among the many good things finding a response in my mind, the occasion upon which we meet has not been touched upon according to my ideas. We meet to celebrate the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist as Christian Masons celebrating the

Feast of Saint John a Christian ; and I feel, Most Worshipful, that we do not do that justice to Christianity that we ought, — to the Christianity that we profess. I recognize Masonry as embracing men of every country, sect, and opinion. If I should go into a Mohammedan country and find the Koran upon the altar, or in Persia and find the Zend-Avesta, I would meet them upon that ground as Masons. Yet I believe, as Christian Masons in Massachusetts and the United States, we ought to stand out in opposition to the teachings and ideas that are put forth by the very few who do not believe in Christianity. We place upon our altars the Holy Scriptures, embracing the Jewish and Christian teachings ; when we put our hand upon them we cover not only what the Jew asks for, but what Christians delight in. And when we meet in Christian festivity, accepting all that is said in connection with the past, I wish to impress upon the Brethren the thought that we should stand forth as defenders of the Christian idea. No matter what may come up in the Grand Lodge, we can do this and also be just to our Brethren, and should always be ready to stand forth as Christian Masons, — never be ashamed that we are Christian Masons. And when the Jew asks that we should remove the cross from our buildings, or the idea of the Saviour from our prayers, we should remember that when we put our hand upon the Bible we cover all that the Jew asks for, and also, what is more dear to us, the Revelation of the Gospel.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Brethren, we have with us this evening a Brother who has served the cause of Masonry a great many years in the far East, Worshipful Albert F. Heard, Past Master of the Northern Lodge at Shanghai, China. He will tell us something of Masonry in that far-off country.

W. Brother Heard responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—Although I have been a Mason for many years, this is the first time that it has been my fortune to meet Brother Masons in this country. I have, unfortunately, passed much of my life out of the country; was made a Mason out of the country, and have always been a member of a Lodge acting under a jurisdiction different from yours,—that of Great Britain. Coming from the East a few months since, and having heard so much of Masonry in this country from my friend, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, one of the first ideas entering my mind was a desire to see something of it here, and it is by his invitation and permission that I have had the enjoyment of passing this evening with you. I shall always think of it with pleasure, and I hope it is the beginning of many others to come.

It has been my lot in China to have taken an active part in Masonry there, as a member of various Lodges, and Master at one time; and I had thought there, where the solidness of the English character prevails, and where the Institution partakes more of that solid character than of our enthusiastic and excitable natures, that I had seen something of the enthusiasm which Masonry could excite among those who are enrolled under its banner. But I think I have seen to-night what I know is more the real life in Masonry, as a Body, here, than in any branch of the Fraternity I have known. It has been my lot to visit the Fraternity in China, and while I recognize the hand of Masonry there, I have never seen the zeal manifested that is so common and universal here. It has been a source of great enjoyment to hear all that has fallen from the lips of the Brethren this evening; and it has been my wish to carry it

home, rather than to be called upon to intrude any remarks of my own, and try your patience by anything that I could say.

Most Worshipful, you have alluded to the subject of Masonry in China. It is not the live Body that it is here, but it is productive of good. Although it may seem to neglect some of the means of promoting the Order, yet it should be observed that there is not the same field for usefulness open to the Lodges as there is in this country, nor do they have the same calls upon them in the way of charity that you do here. And I attribute the want of life in their Masonic labors to the fact, more than any other, that the charitable instincts are not so often appealed to,—the necessities for Masonic existence are not so often felt; the opportunities for exercising Masonic love and affection are not so often found as in the communities here.

I remember, many years ago, when ignorant of its principles, and wondering what it was, and what it aimed at, to have spoken of that fact to the then Provincial Grand Master, a very prominent Mason in England; and he replied that the great object of Masonic exemplification was the culture and exercise of charity to all men of whatever religion and nationality. He spoke of what he had heard of Masonry in this country, of its lively vigor and universality, its great numbers, and the influence it wielded in this land. From that moment I have always had a desire to see and know something of it; and I rejoice to have had that opportunity this evening. I am thankful for the opportunity to be present, and I thank the Brethren for the kindness of my reception. I feel that if my lot is cast in this country for years to come, I can meet my friends here. I feel that in so doing I shall have sources of rare enjoyment and pleasure.

THE GRAND MASTER.—The present Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge declines to make a speech this evening, but we have another Marshall,—Brother Wyzeman Marshall,—and I shall call upon him to say something to us.

R. W. Brother Marshall responded:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, you'd scarce expect one of my age to speak in public on the stage.

I will not attempt, at this late hour, to make a speech. I will, with your permission, however, allude, simply, to a few points made by others who have preceded me.

Our Right Worshipful Brother Parkman alluded, in a very kind and eloquent manner, to the social part of Freemasonry. I desire to say that I am with him heart and hand in the endeavor to promote and cultivate the social element which was ordained, as I believe, to be part and parcel of our great Institution, and which I sincerely trust we shall never lose sight of.

As my Right Worshipful Brother on the right has called our attention to the tenets of our Institution, more particularly to the Christian part thereof, I will express a hope that the Masonic Institution will never lose sight of the foundation upon which it rests; but at the same time I trust it will be tolerant, and ever ready to extend the fraternal hand to Brethren of all countries, creeds and professions, wherever and whenever they may be met with.

My Worshipful Brother, the Reverend Chaplain, alluded, humorously, to a memorable mistake made by a member of the dramatic profession, in the rendering of the text of Shakespeare some years ago, upon the stage. Once in my life I attended a theatrical performance,—you may think it strange, but it really

is a matter of fact, — I was present when the occurrence to which our chaplain has alluded actually took place. The elder Booth was enacting his masterly character of Richard III. In the scene with Lady Anne, he orders those who bear the corpse to set it down. Upon this, the officer advanced, with great dignity, presented his halberd to the breast of Richard, with these words "Stand back, my lord, and let the *parson cough*." I heard it with my own ears.

But I will pass to the remarks of our R.W. Brother Nickerson. He alluded very kindly and eulogistically to the ladies. I am happy that he did so, for they should never be forgotten; but it struck me as being somewhat remarkable that he should indulge in such glowing expressions of high praise in reference to the gentler sex, when it is presumable he has never had the courage to propose to one of them, or even give utterance to the thoughts which he has expressed here to-night.

Right Worshipful Brother Gardner spoke in eloquent terms of the patriots of our country, and of those, especially, who assisted in forming the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, giving that Institution the honor of first proclaiming freedom to mankind, or something to that effect. His expressions caused my thoughts to cross the broad Atlantic and wander back over a large number of years, even to the dark ages, when our Institution was first constituted. I have before contemplated this, and my thoughts upon this subject I will endeavor to express in different language: —

When yet the world was young, and nations lay
Fast bound in chains, — the slaves of ignorance, —
And man stood wondering at the awful sway
Of Nature's fearful powers, and durst not glance
Around upon life's dreadful mystery,
Which he could *feel*, but not its depths explore,
Then burst upon his sight Freemasonry,
And on his path a sea of light did pour.

She broke his chains, and disenthralled his mind;
Proclaimed to listening nations "Man is free!"
And can no Master, save the Eternal, own, —
Born to the sacred right of Liberty.

THE GRAND MASTER. — We have heard from the extreme East of this world; now let us listen to some remarks from the West. I introduce to you Right Worshipful Brother Chickering, Past Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Brother Chickering responded: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: — I had hoped that I had got so far toward the east of this room, that I should escape notice, and not be called upon. I have been a little in the condition that Brother Avery described, all the evening, fearing that possibly the lightning might strike me next; and I had begun to hope that I should not be called upon. But, as Brother Salmon says, whenever my name is called, I feel that I must rise and respond; and I want to say that I am glad to be here to-night, as I have always been since I attained the right to a seat in the Grand Lodge. It has been one of the dearest objects of my heart. I love this Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as I love Masonry, — next to my God and my family, — and I am always glad whenever I can be with you here, as I think my presence almost always testifies. Very seldom have I failed to be present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge for the past fifteen or twenty years, and I deem it one of the greatest honors accorded to me that I have the right to be enrolled among its members. I feel that I am somewhat old in the service, and in looking over the records, from time to time, I find that my name comes very often among the first, if not the very first, of the Past Grand Wardens present. I have seen one after another pass off the stage and go to

receive their reward, and I have been doubly impressed with the deaths that have come into our midst within the last few years. At the death of our good Brother Lewis I felt, as I think I never felt at the death of any other person outside of my own family, that one of the dearest friends of my Masonic life had gone down to the grave, though his spirit, thank God, is above, with that God of justice and mercy, who is the author of our Institution, and whom we all adore.

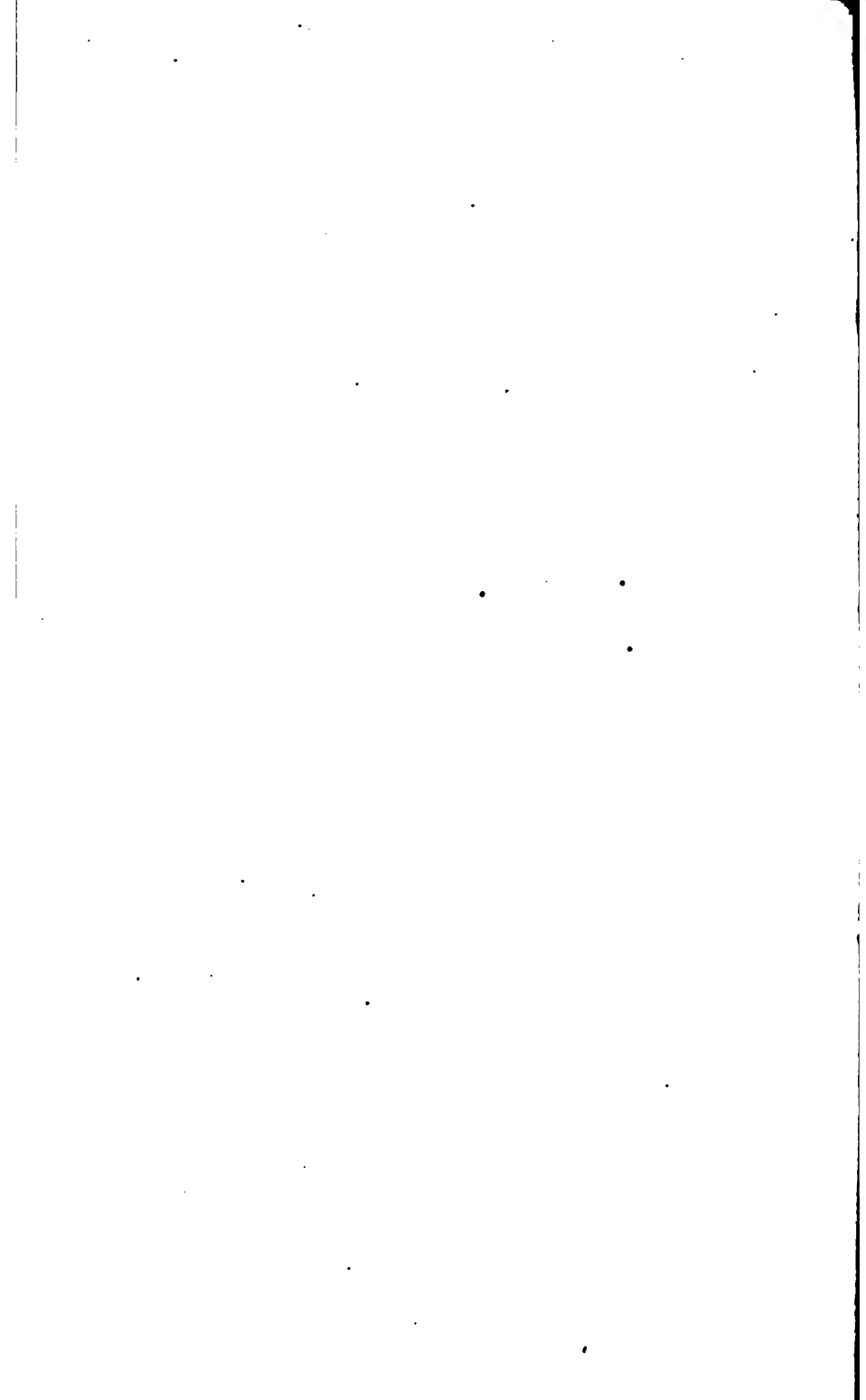
But, sir, I have been taught that silence and circumspection are truly Masonic virtues, and I will try to exercise them.

The Mystic Circle was formed, Old Hundred was sung, and thus were ended the interesting ceremonies of this Grand Feast.

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REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Boston, December 6, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor herewith to submit my official report for the Masonic year just closed. During the first part of that time, I visited one or more of the Lodges each month unofficially, as was my custom the previous year. Immediately after the action of the Grand Lodge restoring the ancient work, I held, in the month of April, a District Deputy Grand Lodge, under your official Warrant, for the purpose of exemplifying the work, and was favored with the valuable assistance of the three Grand Lecturers ; a large assemblage, representing every Lodge in the District, showed how great an interest was felt on the subject. Similar exemplifications were held in the early autumn, upon the second and third degrees, and the same full attendance manifested the zeal of the Brethren to adhere to the old landmarks as finally settled by the Grand Lodge.

As I have already made a report of the opening exemplification, I will only say further that every Lodge was represented at each of these occasions, — in most cases by its Master, Wardens, Deacons and Stewards, and several other Brethren. The greater portion of the expense was met by voluntary contributions from those present, and the Grand Lodge was not called upon for anything more than the use of the Hall. The marked improvement in the manner of working the degrees, the uniformity of the rendition of the ritual, and the interest displayed by every presiding Master, show how great satisfaction the late

action of the M.W. Grand Lodge has given the Lodges of the First District.

As this movement to restore ancient usages had its origin in a motion made by the undersigned, at the request of the Masters of all the Boston Lodges, it is particularly gratifying to be able to say that they have all, without exception, endeavored, and, considering the short time they have had, have succeeded remarkably in carrying out the wishes of the Grand Master in this direction, and lasting results for good must follow.

In accordance with the requirements of the Grand Constitutions, I have visited officially all the Lodges under my care, in person, with the exception of three. These — Massachusetts, Winslow Lewis and Zetland — I was obliged to omit, in consequence of my sickness. The first was visited by R.W. Bro. Chas. J. Danforth, and the other two by W. Bro. Henry G. Fay, acting as my representatives. They have expressed their great satisfaction with the condition of the Lodges, and the hospitable reception they received, and my thanks are due for their kindness.

The Lodges generally have had harmony and peace, and, although the amount of work that has offered itself has been very much below the average of previous years, their interest has been unflagging, and the year has been prosperous, when the great depression in business is considered.

My thanks are specially due to W. Bros. Stevens and Parker, and Bro. R. C. Nichols, who have accompanied me on each visitation; and to the Lodges and Brethren, for very many tokens of kindness, and for a fraternal and hospitable welcome, whenever I have appeared among them, and especially so, when coming as the representative of the Grand Master.

I have given dispensations in three cases, and at all times for the convenience of the Lodge, rather than for that of the candidate. I have also installed the officers of several of the Lodges, and was obliged to decline two invitations to do so, in consequence of ill-health or absence from home. This completes, Most Worshipful, the record of the year. I regret exceedingly that the state of my health forbids me to engage in

Masonic labor, and compels me to relinquish the office I have held by your kindness, and in which I have enjoyed many happy hours. Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, I remain,

Very sincerely and fraternally,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN,
D.D.G. Master First Masonic District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

CHARLESTOWN, Nov. 22, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:*—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor herewith to transmit to you my report, as your Deputy for the Second District, for the current year. I have officially visited all the Lodges in the District, some of them a number of times, with the exception of Palestine Lodge, Everett. An unexpected and imperative call from the State deprived me of the pleasure and privilege of making an official visit to that Lodge at their Regular Meeting in November, as had been previously arranged. R.W. Theodore N. Foque, D.D.G. Master of the Seventeenth District, kindly acted for me on that occasion, and I beg here to acknowledge the favor, and tender him my thanks for the same. I have from him a very favorable report of the Lodge. With this exception, I have become somewhat familiar with the Lodges, and am glad to be able to report them, generally, in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. I had the honor to serve on the suite of my immediate predecessor, R.W. William H. Kent, and feel justified in saying that they will compare favorably with former years. Much attention is being given by the officers and members to the lectures and work, and I have no doubt, that, in the future, they will more strictly conform to that laid down by the Grand Lodge than has been the case in former years.

A united meeting of the Second and Seventeenth Districts was held at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on the afternoon and evening of October 12th, and the work of the three degrees was exemplified by the Grand Lecturers. I installed the officers of John Abbot Lodge on the 7th of September, and those of King Solomon's on the 12th of October. A dispensation was granted to Palestine Lodge, Everett, to confer the third degree on Bro. W. H. Jenks, on the 8th of March, three days before he was lawfully entitled to the same, for reasons which seemed to me entirely satisfactory. I have met with a very cordial reception in all my visits, and every facility has been given me for a full and free examination into their condition.

A more familiar acquaintance with the workings of the Order, and a better acquaintance with the Brethren, has increased my love for, and my faith in, the Institution.

Tendering you my acknowledgments for the confidence you have reposed in me,

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

FRANCIS CHILDS,

D.D.G. Master Second Masonic District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Boston, November 21, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Mindful of the watchful care of an ever kind Providence, who has preserved me in health and strength, to fulfil my daily round of duties, during the past year, and in gratitude for all, I have the honor to make my first report to you, and the fourth to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The line of conduct described by my first official visitations in 1872 has been, to the best of my intentions and belief, strictly followed, namely: to state the exact condition of the

several Lodges, as displayed in the preservation of the Charter, the perfection of the Records, and the exemplification of the work. "Truth is a divine attribute," and, so far as in me lies, I have stated nothing but the exact truth, as it appeared to my judgment, whether praise or blame; and I assert with confidence, that, although unmerited praise is a sweeter morsel than merited censure, the Lodges of the Third District have uniformly received whatever I have been prompted to bestow with "kindness and condescension." The same unqualified praise, so freely bestowed upon the Worshipful Masters and officers in my last report, is still deserved, and I take great pleasure and pride in renewing my expressions of esteem for their unremitting toil and faithfulness. The Charters are well preserved, the Records are well and truly kept, nothing to censure or correct in all the Records of the District.

And the same can be said of the work. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, as you are aware, adopted and established, in June last, a standard for the ritual, and conformity to it, in so short a space of time, ought not to be expected; yet I am happy to assure you, that, not only has it been accomplished, but that the several Lodges have emulated each other in zeal for perfection. The work has been admirable, far above my expectations, and I desire in this manner to place on record my testimony to the ability and harmony so uniformly conspicuous at all my visitations. I bid my successor a warm welcome to this field of labor, love and harmony.

I have granted but few dispensations, and only for the same causes as heretofore, — when the individual was to leave the city, or in order to facilitate the work, and avoid the expense of a special meeting; and in this connection I desire again, as I did one year ago, to call attention to the propriety of establishing a fee for a dispensation.

The benefit accrues entirely to the candidate, who, by this special favor, gains an advantage over others equally worthy, but who have not experienced the favor of circumstances to give them a dispensation. It is a peculiar trait of humanity, for a candidate to be in great haste to receive his degrees after hand-

ing in his application, although the opportunity may have been present with him for many previous years. A moderate fee would tend to check the desire for a dispensation, and bring candidates within the requirements of the Constitutions.

Congratulating you, sir, on the prosperity of the Institution over which you preside so ably, and thanking you for the high honor of representing you in the Third District, which I humbly hope to have done to your approbation, I am

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES J. DANFORTH,
D.D.G. Master Third Masonic District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

BROOKLINE, December 1, 1875.

TO PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:*—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit herewith my report, as District Deputy for the Fourth Masonic District, with the several Lodge Returns and statistics.

I have visited officially, and with a full suite, the eleven Lodges in this District, and I am gratified to state, that harmony, fidelity, and loyalty prevail among the Brethren. I have been uniformly received, as the representative of the Grand Lodge, with respect, courtesy and exuberant hospitality.

The troubles, which in the past so seriously imperilled the prosperity of one of our Lodges, have now happily ended. My first official visit was made to this Lodge, and was a season of delightful and fraternal intercourse.

I shall cherish the incidents of all these visits as among the felicities of life.

The Charters of the several Lodges—two of them quite ancient—are all in good preservation, the Records are properly kept, and, with a single exception, the By-Laws have been duly approved by the Grand Lodge.

The appearance of the officers and Brethren in all the Lodges

has been truly pleasing. Friendship, morality and brotherly love were there abounding. A real interest in the principles and work of our Order was manifest, while true dignity, reverence, and a sincere desire to excel, everywhere prevailed.

Such being the spirit throughout the District, while I, at all times, have urged diligence, perseverance, and constancy, in the study and practice of the ritual, even to perfection, I have not, under the embarrassments of the past year, considered it my duty to criticise, in detail, the work of the several Lodges. It has been always commendable; sometimes, excellent.

During the past season, a dispensation for a new Lodge, in Newton, has been granted, and, under the name of Fraternity Lodge, some of our most faithful and zealous Brethren are now working with skill and success.

The year has been marked by the dedication of new Masonic Halls in Natick, Newton and Brookline; all, of great convenience and excellence, and two of them quite costly and splendid. From their increased advantages, the Fraternity expect substantial progress from Meridian, Dalhousie and Beth-horon Lodges.

It has been my privilege, occasionally, to give advice, on questions of Masonic interest, to officers of Lodges, which has been courteously received and acted upon.

I have, in three cases, and for due cause, granted dispensations to confer degrees, out of course.

No public Masonic processions have taken place in the District during the year, within my knowledge; but, on several occasions, and with good effect, Lodges have united at the graves of departed Brethren, in the impressive service of our ritual.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the valuable services of the Brethren of my suite, in my official visits; and I am also indebted to you, Most Worshipful, for the pleasant and instructive experiences of the year.

The office with which your kind courtesy has invested me I shall ever consider as one of the most honorable and gratifying in human experience, and the faithful performance of its duties is its own exceeding great reward.

With my thanks for your uniform kindness, and my best wishes for your future welfare, and for the glory and success of our well-beloved Order,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE F. HOMER,

D.D.G. Master Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

LYNN, December 1, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Another Masonic year having been completed, I now transmit to you my second annual report for the Fifth Masonic District. I have in my official capacity, accompanied by a full suite of officers, visited every Lodge, with a single exception, in my jurisdiction. Important business engagements required my absence from the State at the time fixed for my visitation to Starr King Lodge, Salem, and I delegated W. Bro. T. Fred. Martin, of Golden Fleece Lodge, to perform this duty for me. I have also visited a number of the Lodges several times unofficially during the year. The attendance of the Brethren at all the Communications when my annual visits were made has been large and enthusiastic. There have been three exemplifications of the work, under the direction of W. Bro. Charles M. Avery. Two of them were held in Salem, and one in Lynn. There was a large attendance at all of them, and the questions asked demonstrated that the closest critical attention had been paid to the work. Most of the Lodges in the District have made remarkable progress in learning the "restored work," in accordance with the standard recently adopted. The effect of the District exemplification has been to stimulate the officers of the various Lodges to desire that their own Lodges should be fully up to the average standard, and

they have faithfully labored to this end. It affords me pleasure to state that the Lodges generally throughout the District are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and as much work is being done as the best interests of the Order demand. More than ordinary care is being exercised in the admission of members, and the most careful scrutiny of qualifications is being made. The highest duty of Masons, the exercise of true Masonic charity, without which our Order fails to accomplish the beneficent end for which it was established, has not been neglected. I have granted two dispensations to confer the degrees out of the regular course, and have installed the officers of two Lodges. I have received from each Lodge its Returns and Grand Lodge dues, and have delivered them to the Grand Treasurer. All the Lodges in the District manifest a spirit of loyalty to the M.W. Grand Lodge, and recognize their connection and common interest with it. The generous reception and fraternal treatment everywhere accorded me as your representative have been marked and agreeable. I shall gratefully remember, till life's latest hour, the generous hospitality, the kindness and courtesy of the Brethren of the Fifth Masonic District. My association with and relations to the Board of D.D.G. Masters will ever be cherished among life's most pleasant recollections. Wishing you the highest degree of success in your administration of the affairs of the M.W. Grand Lodge, and pledging you my earnest endeavors to promote it,

I am truly and fraternally yours,

GEORGE F. BREED,
D.D.G. Master Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 7, 1875.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*: —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit my first official report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District.

I have officially visited each Lodge in the District, and am pleased to report that they are in a satisfactory and healthy condition. The amount of money received is fully up to the two preceding years, notwithstanding the financial pressure, and the want of employment by all classes of artisans. The Charters are well preserved, and the Records are in good condition.

June 10th, by your kind permission, the work adopted in March by the Grand Lodge was exemplified by Grand Lecturer Charles M. Avery, in Haverhill, to which every working officer in the District, and five Brethren of each Lodge, were invited to be present, and the several Lodges were represented.

In October, by your kind consent, the work adopted in June by the Grand Lodge was exemplified by the same Grand Lecturer at Lawrence, and nearly all of the Lodges were represented. Great credit is due to the Brethren of Haverhill and Lawrence for the courtesies and hospitality shown to their Masonic friends on these pleasant occasions. I am fully convinced that these District meetings are of great advantage to the Craft, both socially and fraternally.

June 24, by your invitation I attended the constitution of Cochichewick Lodge, and it was a gala day for the town of North Andover as well as for the Lodge. This Lodge has been quite prosperous since the dispensation was granted, and I trust, although the last, it is not the least.

I have granted dispensations to confer the second and third degrees out of course when the circumstances seemed to justify it.

At every visit I have witnessed some portion of the work, and have not been able to commend it in all of the Lodges, because they have not acquired a knowledge of the changes recently adopted. The short time between the exemplification and the visitation in this District did not suffice for each Lodge to perfect itself as is desirable. Each Lodge evinces great desire to obtain the correct work, and it is very gratifying to report the anxiety of some of the officers to get the precise words and in the right place.

I can safely say that the interests of our Order are well cared for in this District, and the apartments in Haverhill, Lawrence, etc., testify to the zeal and liberality of our Brethren.

In conclusion, I desire to express my gratitude for your kindness in appointing me as your representative in this District, and humbly trust my efforts will meet your approbation.

I remain yours fraternally,

WARREN CURRIER,
D.D.G. Master Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

LOWELL, Dec. 1, 1875.

*To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Esq., M.W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I now have the honor to submit my report as your Deputy for the Seventh Masonic District. All the nine Lodges in my jurisdiction have been officially visited, and in every instance there has been extended toward me and my associates a courteous and cordial welcome. Naturally there was some curiosity manifested to see the newly appointed Deputy for this District, but everywhere I have been the recipient of expressions of kindness and respect. For all this I desire to return sincere thanks to the Brethren.

It gives me great pleasure to report that the Craft seems, so far as it has been possible to judge, generally in a prosperous condition. There appears to exist a strong desire to acquire familiarity with the ritual as it is now established, and it is simply truthful and just to say that the officers of the various Lodges are desirous of doing this as speedily as possible, consistent with exactness. All the nine Lodges in this District are working in accordance with the established mode. I deem this fact worthy of honorable mention, because it requires no ordinary amount of attention and study to overcome the two-fold mental difficulty attendant upon the necessary displacing

of the recent phraseology while substituting the old, now restored.

During the summer months the four Lodges in Lowell organized a Lodge of Instruction, in which both officers and members have since been zealously engaged in learning the revised work and lectures. The beneficial effects of this are plainly seen, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the Brethren will continue this organization.

On the 19th of November I ordered an exemplification of the work and lectures as now established by the Grand Lodge, to take place in Masonic Hall, Fitchburg, for the benefit of all the Lodges in the District. This exemplification of the three degrees, by your permission, was given under the direction of R.W. Bro. William F. Salmon, of Lowell, — a name synonymous with zeal and ability in the promotion of the cause of Freemasonry. The proceedings took place at a Special Communication of Aurora Lodge. There was a large attendance, and close, thoughtful attention was given throughout. The Brethren of the District were thus brought into more intimate acquaintance with each other, the bonds of friendship were strengthened, and it is natural to imagine that as a legitimate result there will be promoted a generous rivalry in the attainment of Masonic skill.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of the Craft, and to thank you for this mark of confidence and esteem in appointing me to so honorable a position in the Fraternity, the duties of which I humbly hope have been satisfactorily performed.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

SOLON W. STEVENS,

D.D.G. Master Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

GREENFIELD, November 29, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER, — At the close of this, another Masonic year, I herewith have the pleasure of enclosing the usual Returns, and to present my second report as your representative in the Eighth District.

Following the line of duty, I have personally made an official visit to every Lodge in the District, and witnessed the work of each.

I have examined the Charters, and especially the Records, carefully; the former are all well preserved and guarded with zealous care; the latter, with very few exceptions, I found unusually well kept. In one or two instances I observed some carelessness in extending the minutes, and less regard in the use of technical language in expressing the substance than seemed desirable, and in such cases I have called the attention of the proper officers to the defects, and doubt not the objections will be remedied in future; especially as the cause has usually been the want of experience; the secretary being not only a novice in his duties, but also a comparative novice in the mysteries of the art itself.

From circumstances which it is not necessary to detail here, it has been inexpedient to hold an exemplification of the work and lectures in the District the present year. Indeed, from the fact that the Lodges are somewhat widely separated, it is rather difficult to select a sufficiently central place, that will afford easy access to all; but I think it will be expedient to soon hold such a meeting, as the officers are anxious to be well versed in the ritual, and to show themselves workmen who need not to be ashamed.

I report, with great satisfaction, the fact that the work, as witnessed upon my visit this year, was a decided improvement of that of one year ago. A majority of the officers have ac-

quired the most important changes, and show a gratifying enthusiasm in its proper rendering.

I have no hesitancy in saying that the general tone and character of the Lodges throughout the District is fully maintained, and is, I believe, deservedly high.

The number of initiates, as shown in the Returns, falls somewhat below the number of the previous year, but, from personal observation and inquiry, I find that the desire to receive a goodly number of initiates has not led to the policy of accepting doubtful and unpromising candidates. I have always endeavored to impress upon the Lodges the fact that mere numbers was of far less importance than that Masonry should number men of sterling integrity and character.

It is my painful duty to record the death of one of my predecessors in the office of District Deputy Grand Master for this District, — that of R. W. Ithamar F. Conkey, of Amherst; one who was well-known in this section of the Commonwealth as an earnest Mason, and for many years an active participant in the deliberations at the meetings of the M. W. Grand Lodge.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Brethren who have so kindly accompanied me upon my official visits, and especially those who have formed my suite upon those never to be forgotten occasions.

Finally, I express my sincere obligations to all the Lodges of the District, who have not only opened their Lodges to me, but also their hearts, and given an overflowing cordiality and a generous hospitality.

These visits have been, indeed, the "whitest hours of my life, apart from my family;" — allow me then, sir, in conclusion, to thank you for the honor of this appointment, and believe me,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

BOWDOIN S. PARKER,

D. D. G. Master Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

HINSDALE, Nov. 29, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In assuming the duties of my present position, it was not without some misgivings of my own ability to discharge the very important duties in a manner alike satisfactory to yourself and beneficial to the interests of the Craft.

I herewith submit my first official report. I have officially visited every Lodge in the District, and, in conformity with the Constitutions of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, I have carefully examined the Charters, Records and By-Laws of each Lodge, and find the Charters well preserved, and the By-Laws properly approved. The Records of a majority of the Lodges are well kept, and in the phraseology of the Order; many of them with an accuracy, legibility, and neatness worthy of the very highest commendation. In some of the oldest Lodges the work was imperfectly exhibited; in a majority of the Lodges which exemplified the work of the several degrees, it was done in a manner highly creditable to the Lodges and the officers. I have, in as pleasant a manner as possible, told them of their errors and advised them for the future. The advice was gratefully received, and thanks returned.

I made some suggestions of desirable improvement in the method of keeping the Records to two or three of the Secretaries, which they gladly received and promised to follow. A convention of the Lodges of the District was held in the Masonic Hall at Pittsfield, on Tuesday, November twenty-third, commencing at 10 A. M., when Crescent Lodge, of Pittsfield, exemplified the first degree, Globe Lodge, of Hinsdale, the second, and Mystic Lodge, of Pittsfield, the third. It is with great pleasure that I inform you that all the Lodges in the District were represented; and when it is stated that the work of exemplifying the degrees and lectures lasted eight hours, and was

prosecuted under the critical eye of Worshipful Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer, who corrected errors as they occurred, some conception may be formed of the good to be derived from such occasions.

The Brethren of Mystic and Crescent Lodges on that day showed themselves to be adepts in the art of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, eliciting, as they did, warm expressions of compliment and gratitude for their generous hospitality.

In my official connection with the District I desire to express my thanks to the officers and members of the several Lodges in the District for their uniform kindness and courtesy. As your representative I have been received with expressions of friendship and Masonic hospitality. Every facility has been afforded me by the Brethren in the discharge of the duties of my office, which has gone far to make them a pleasure, rather than a work of toil and care.

The Returns are full, and the amount of dues to the Grand Lodge has been received by me, and submitted to the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by appointing me to this office, which I have endeavored to fill to the extent of my ability, hoping that my labor may be approved, and most respectfully declining a reappointment,

I am yours fraternally,

JOHN R. DAVISON,
D.D.G. Master Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., NOV. 29, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitutions of the M.W. Grand Lodge, I herewith respectfully submit my annual report for the current year.

I have officially visited every Lodge in the District, inspected the work, examined Records and By-Laws, and attended to such other duties as the nature of my office required.

Owing to the changes made in the ritual during the past year, and the inability of some of the Brethren to perfect themselves in the established work, the recent ritual was still largely adhered to, but a very general desire is manifested to know the correct Grand Lodge work.

The accompanying tabular statement will show the condition of the Lodges in this District, as compared with the year 1874:—

LODGES.	Number of Members.		Increase.	Decrease.	Number of Initiates.		Increase.	Decrease.	Percent at Official Visit.	Average Attendance.
	1874.	1875.			1874.	1875.				
Jerusalem	227	237	10	..	5	11	6	..	85	33
Hampden	437	379	..	58	47	34	..	13	76	53
Chilcopee	181	184	3	..	7	8	1	..	30	32
Mount Tom	191	197	6	..	10	20	10	..	78	40
Mount Moriah . .	208	214	6	..	14	6	..	8	47	43
Roswell Lee . . .	250	233	33	..	44	28	..	16	87	40
Huntington . . .	85	93	8	..	10	10	..	..	19	17
Ionic	117	125	8	..	11	10	..	1	64	35
Mount Holyoke .	64	63	..	1	12	4	..	8	32	16
Belcher	65	72	7	..	7	8	1	..	25	19
Hampshire	57	57	..	..	2	5	3	..	50	32
Total	1,832	1,904	81	59	169	144	21	45		
			22	..			..	25		

It will be seen that while the number of initiates has fallen off somewhat, the total membership has increased 22. Considering the depression in all branches of trade and business, this is, perhaps, as good a showing as could be expected.

At the request of certain Brethren, I convened the Lodges for the exemplification of the work and lectures of the first degree, on June 28, and the second and third degrees September 14. At the latter Communication all the Lodges, save one, were

represented. The work was exemplified by the various W. Masters of the District, W. Bro. Charles M. Avery presiding in a very able manner. A large number of Brethren were present, and were much pleased with the improved ritual.

Numerous applications have been made to me for dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular course, but the duty I owe to the M.W. Grand Lodge compelled me to decline, save in one instance, and it has been my aim to impress upon the Lodges the bad effects of granting papers of this kind.

On Friday, November 12, the new and beautiful halls of Chicopee Lodge were formally dedicated by the M.W. Grand Master and suite, with impressive ceremonies. The pleasant weather, the presence of so many distinguished Brethren, and the large gathering of the Fraternity, all combined to render the occasion one long to be remembered by all present. On the evening of the same day the officers elect were publicly installed by the officers of the Grand Lodge.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the Brethren of the District for the hearty response to the appeal in behalf of Hampshire Lodge, which, with the generous sum donated by the Grand Lodge, will enable them to go forward in the work of fitting up a new hall, of which they are sadly in need.

It gives me pleasure to testify to the uniform courtesy with which I, as your representative, have at all times been received by the Lodges and Brethren.

To the Brethren of my suite, who, at no small inconvenience, have shared with me the labors as well as pleasures of my circuit, contributing much by their presence to the dignity of every occasion, my sincere thanks are due.

I also desire to acknowledge the uniform courtesy and kindness which I have received at the hands of R.W. Bro. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary, and the prompt attention he has given to all communications addressed to his office.

Thanking you for the honor conferred in this appointment, and trusting that my labors will meet your approbation,

I remain,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN E. SHIPMAN,

D.D.G. Master Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WORCESTER, NOV. 29, 1875.

*To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Receiving my appointment in September to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Eleventh District, made vacant in consequence of the resignation of R. W. Bro. William A. Smith, I have the pleasure herewith to hand you my report of the several Lodges in my jurisdiction.

I have officially visited each of the twelve Lodges in my District, and installed the officers in five of them; and in every instance have been received with such regard and respect as to strengthen one's faith in our Institution and make us feel more forcibly that we are Brethren of one family, and with an equal interest in each other's welfare.

It is apparent in most of the Lodges that there is a growing interest and attachment among the members, and a strong determination to uphold and preserve that harmony which is the great support of all institutions. In one Lodge only have I found any division, and there are good reasons to presume that, ere another year rolls around, all difficulties will be amicably settled, the clouds be dispelled, harmony restored, and the Lodge again be permitted to enjoy a healthy growth.

I have witnessed an exemplification of some one of the three degrees in all but two of the Lodges, and they offered good and sufficient reasons why they were unable to work. In four Lodges the degrees were conferred in accordance with the revised ritual, as adopted during the past year, and such an exhibit of proficiency acquired, considering the limited opportunities for obtaining the work, is worthy of commendation. In three of the Lodges it is very evident there is need of the services of our Grand Lecturers, one of which being small in numbers and their members scattered, together with the want of work, has fallen into a lack of discipline and proficiency. In

such cases I have tried to impress upon the minds of the officers the importance of making themselves, at their earliest convenience, conversant and familiar with their duties.

Rarely in my Masonic experience, except in Grand Lodge, have I heard the Constitutions referred to. Deeming it of great benefit that not only the officers, but each member, should be well informed of their provisions, not only for the increase of Masonic knowledge, but also preventing the introduction of matters the discussion of which would impair the harmony of their meetings, I have, on nearly all the opportunities, called the attention of the Master to this fact.

There being an earnest desire among the officers of the several Lodges to acquire the established work, I am in hopes an early occasion will be presented for the exemplification of the work and lectures at some convenient place in the District.

Thanking you for the high honor conferred, and wishing the Grand Lodge a prosperous future, I remain,

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. MOODY,

D.D.G. Master Eleventh Masonic District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

MILBURY, MASS., Dec. 1st, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I herewith submit to you my report in relation to the Lodges in the Twelfth District. I have visited officially every Lodge under my jurisdiction, and upon several occasions, by special invitation, installed the officers. I find them all apparently in an active and very satisfactory condition. As your representative, I have been received with marked courtesy and respect, and upon several occasions the visits have been made memorable and pleasant on account of large delegations of Brethren from neighboring Lodges being present. At every

visit I saw exemplified one of the degrees, and in all cases examined the Charter, By-Laws and Records. The officers of the different Lodges have in every case performed their work in a very creditable manner. An earnest desire, however, has been expressed by all of them to have an exemplification of the three degrees, by the Grand Lecturers, as soon as it can be made convenient, and I have confidence to believe they will take every necessary step to make themselves more proficient therein during the coming year. The Charters I find to be well preserved, with one exception, and have the promise of that being attended to. The By-Laws are approved by the Grand Lodge, and the Records in most cases carefully and properly kept. I have received from each Lodge in the District its Returns and Grand Lodge dues, and the same have already been delivered to the Grand Treasurer. I have specially urged upon the Masters and Wardens the importance of a regular attendance upon the Communications of the Grand Lodge. One dispensation has been granted to confer the third degree a few days short of the usual time, the circumstances appearing to justify such a course. As you are well aware, a new Lodge (Alpha) is now working under dispensation at South Framingham. This new Lodge, is I believe, needed, and I felt it to be good judgment to approve of the petition for said dispensation. There are a goodly number of zealous Masons interested in its formation, and I earnestly hope and desire that it may be the means of infusing new life and prosperity among the Fraternity in that portion of the District, and especially in good old Middlesex, its honored parent. I would at this time acknowledge my indebtedness to the Brethren who have so kindly accompanied me as members of my suite upon official visits. In conclusion, I desire to express to you my sincere thanks for the appointment to this important and honorable position, and beg leave to remain,

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

IRVING B. SAYLES,

D.D.G. Master Twelfth Masonic District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

NORWOOD, December 22, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *Most Worshipful Grand Master of
Masons in Massachusetts*: —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

I have, during the past year, visited officially each Lodge in the District, and, so far as practicable, have been accompanied by a full suite.

I have made a thorough examination of the Charter, By-Laws and Records of each Lodge, and have found every Lodge provided with a copy of the Grand Lodge Constitutions, and copies of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge, so far as issued.

I have witnessed in each Lodge an exemplification of the work of some one of the three degrees, and was agreeably surprised to observe the interest manifested to perfect themselves in the work adopted by the Grand Lodge since the annual exemplification by the Grand Lecturers. A majority of the Lodges showed much proficiency in this work, several of them giving it with such accuracy that the critic could but acknowledge their perfect familiarity with it. A few of the Lodges exemplified the work of last year, which was their right, not having time or opportunity to become familiar with the present work.

The Records of the Lodges are fully kept, and many of them beautifully written. A majority of the Secretaries record the names of every officer, member and visitor present at each Communication, which is considered essentially necessary to make a complete record.

The By-Laws of each Lodge in the District have been approved by the Grand Lodge. Many of the Lodges have the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge bound, that they may be the better preserved for future reference. The Returns of each Lodge were carefully made out, and the funds due the Grand Lodge promptly paid.

The following table will show the number of members and visitors present at my official visitations, and the average attendance of the members during the past year:—

LODGES.	MEMBERS.	VISITORS.	TOTAL.	AV. ATTENDANCE.
Bristol . .	41	8	49	20
King David . .	44	39	83	44
Rising Star . .	28	36	64	26
Saint Alban's . .	47	13	60	30
Orient . .	75	135	210	37
Blue Hill . .	33	14	47	18
Saint James . .	24	2	26	24
Alfred Baylies . .	[Not given. G. Sec.]			
Hyde Park . .	58	72	130	Not given
Ionic . .	45	26	71	21
Paul Dean . .	30	20	50	20
Ezekiel Bates . .	41	8	49	30
Constellation . .	33	18	51	43
Charles H. Titus	31	17	48	18
Norfolk . .	27	33	60	22

I have on every occasion been courteously received as your representative, the Brethren extending to me and my suite a most cordial welcome, doing everything in their power to make my visits pleasant and profitable to all concerned, receiving my criticisms and recommendations in a friendly manner, showing a determination that their efforts shall decide who best can work and best agree. It was my intention to have a District exemplification before this, but this District extends over so large a territory, and as there seemed to be no suitable accommodations centrally located, I deemed it best to consult the officers of each Lodge as to their preference of locality, all of which expressed themselves in favor of holding it at the Masonic Temple, in Boston. This decision was in accordance with my views, for it seemed to me that the fifteen Lodges would be more largely represented, and that a more successful exemplification would be had there than elsewhere.

In conclusion, allow me to return, for the honor which you have conferred upon me, and for your continued confidence, my sincere thanks. The result of this year's labor as District Deputy more than compensates for the anxieties which I have sometimes felt while performing the duties of my office. The acquaintances made with the Brethren last year have ripened this year into strong attachments and friendships, which, I trust, will be long remembered.

I wish to acknowledge my obligations to the Brethren who accompanied me on my visitations, as members of my suite, and to the Brethren throughout the District, for the courtesy and fraternal welcome extended to me and my suite on all occasions.

In closing, allow me, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to congratulate you on the result of your present administration; and may that same unanimity of feeling between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges which has existed in the past continue in the future.

I am fraternally yours,

GEORGE L. RHOADS,

D.D.G. Master Thirteenth Masonic District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT,

NEW BEDFORD, November 1st, 1875.

M.W. PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*: —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Another year has nearly passed, and I am reminded that my duties as your representative are about to close. The year has been one of prosperity, concord and brotherly love, and the Brethren of the Fourteenth District, in passing from the closing to the opening year, have naught but pleasant remembrances of the past, and promising

hopes of prosperity in the future. They enter upon the duties of the ensuing year abounding in peace, in perfect harmony, full of hope, and zealous in good works.

In accordance with the Grand Constitutions I have officially visited each of the Lodges comprising the Fourteenth District, and have witnessed in each an exemplification of their work, and feel to again say, what I have heretofore expressed in my previous reports, that the work has never before, during my official connection with the District, been rendered with such correctness and impressiveness, and I desire to extend to the officers my appreciation of their faithful labors in this essential part of our Order.

In the careful examination of the different codes of By-laws, I find that several as yet have not been approved by the Grand Lodge, and a few of their provisions are not in accord with the Grand Constitutions. When such have come to my knowledge, I have requested the Worshipful Master to have prepared a complete copy of their By-Laws, and forward them to the Grand Lodge for approval; which request I trust will be fully complied with.

The records are full, well preserved, and carefully enscribed, the names of the officers, Brethren and visitors entered therein, and much more uniformity exists in keeping the same. Some of the Lodges, appreciating the necessity of preserving the Records against accident or loss, have during the year had a carefully transcribed copy made thereof, and have placed the same in safe repositories.

I have received from the Lodges their annual Returns, which are full and complete; which, together with the full amount of dues, I have transmitted to the Grand Treasurer. It is a pleasing fact to note that each year, in point of finance, is a step in advance of the preceding one; the amount of dues to the Grand Lodge from the District this year exceeding those of any previous year. From this fact we are led to infer that the high appreciation of our Order, its moral and intellectual influence upon the community, and the integrity and honor of its members, are not allowed to pass by unobserved by the uniniti-

ated, as the accompanying statistics will exhibit. Although the year has been characterized by a general business depression, the Lodges have prospered, and the result of the year's labor is highly gratifying.

I have granted several dispensations during the year, for each of which urgent reasons were required, being of the opinion that too much freedom in the granting of dispensations is adverse to the interests of the Fraternity and the good of the Craft.

In accordance with your request and special Warrant, I assembled the Brethren of Pioneer Lodge, at Somerset, and having opened a Deputy Grand Lodge, dedicated to the purposes of Masonry the new apartments which the Brethren had erected upon the site of the temple consumed by fire in the early part of the present year. The ceremony of dedication was performed in due and ancient form in the presence of the Brethren and their friends, and the occasion was one of interest to all present.

By virtue of a Warrant from you I convened the officers of the several Lodges comprising the Fourteenth Masonic District, at Masonic Hall, New Bedford, Thursday, October 28th, for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures as adopted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. Ten Lodges were well represented, and at one o'clock, P.M., I opened a District Deputy Grand Lodge, and in a few brief remarks informed the Brethren of the purposes for which they were assembled, and expressed the hope that they would avail themselves of the advantages the occasion furnished for obtaining in the most effectual and convenient manner the work and lectures. Worshipful Charles M. Avery then assumed the East, and, with the assistance of the officers of King Philip Lodge and the Brethren, exemplified the work in a manner highly creditable to them. The change from the crowded exemplification usually held in the Temple in Boston, to the ample and thoroughly instructive one held in this District, is one which received the approbation and approval of all the Brethren, and the benefits by them derived will be realized and demonstrated by renewed zeal and uniformity of work.

I am greatly indebted to many of the Brethren for their assistance in the duties which as District Deputy Grand Master I have been called upon to perform, and for which I extend my best wishes for their welfare in this life, and in the world to come eternal peace.

I would not forget the honor conferred by the appointment of District Deputy, nor would I neglect to extend to you my fraternal thanks in appreciation of your trust reposed in me, and hope that my labors have been such as to merit your approval.

During the four years that I have been officially connected with the Fourteenth District I have always been received by the Brethren of the Lodges comprising the same in that hospitable and fraternal spirit which has long and I trust will ever characterize the members of our Order.

In closing my official relations with the Brethren as your representative, I desire to extend to them my hearty appreciation of their kindness and attention, at all times so cordially extended to me. I have naught but the most pleasant remembrance of the many occasions on which we have assembled in our character as Masons, and, although we may be called upon to pursue diversified paths in life, may we all be received into the Grand Lodge above, where we shall go out no more forever, there to enjoy the peaceful abode of the blest.

Fraternally yours,

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,
D.D.G. Master Fourteenth Masonic District.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

PROVINCETOWN, December 6, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in
Massachusetts :—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor of submitting this my second annual report of the condition of the Lodges composing the Fifteenth Masonic District.

In the discharge of my duties I have visited all the Lodges placed under my care; with one exception; circumstances were such that I was unable to visit Howard Lodge at the time appointed, though I saw the W. Master and other officers, examined their Records, received their Returns and dues, and, from conversation with them, judge their Lodge to be in a prosperous and promising condition.

In all the Lodges I find the Charters carefully preserved. The By-Laws now in use have been approved with the exception of an alteration in one case, which will be sent up for approval.

The examination of Records has afforded me great satisfaction; I have been particularly pleased with the thorough manner in which they have been kept in nearly every instance. Where I have felt called upon to make suggestions, they have been gladly received, and I believe improvement will follow.

I have granted a less number of dispensations this year than last, and have endeavored to satisfy myself that those granted were very necessary.

In the exemplification of work most of the Lodges show a marked degree of interest, and, as the ritual was previously rendered, had attained very near perfection, and they will, as fast as they have opportunity, acquire that now established by the Grand Lodge.

I have felt it my duty in a few instances to exhort the Brethren to use greater endeavors to perfect themselves in the work; and I was gratified with the kind spirit with which any such remarks were received, and the evident desire on the part of all to obtain the light they needed.

My visitations have in all cases been very pleasant and profitable. It has given me great pleasure to note the growing interest manifested in Freemasonry; not merely its ritual forms and ceremonies, but in the great underlying principles of our beloved Institution, its history, and kindred subjects.

The work which we have done this year has, I believe, been good work. The rejections tell me more plainly than words

that the investigating committees are feeling more the responsibility of their position.

I have by request installed the officers of three Lodges, viz. : De Witt Clinton, James Otis, and King Hiram.

I desire to return my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the several Lodges for their kindly greetings, and their uniform courtesy and attention ; also to the Brethren who so generously assisted me in my official duties.

Thanking you, M.W. Grand Master, for the honor conferred upon me by this appointment, and hoping that I have fulfilled this trust acceptably,

I am very respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN W. ATWOOD,

D.D.G. Master Fifteenth Masonic District.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 6, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts : —*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I herewith submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth Masonic District.

I have officially, as your representative, visited all the Lodges in my District, and, without exception, have been most kindly and Masonically received.

The Lodges generally are in good, healthy, flourishing condition, all the officers giving strong proofs of a desire to perfect themselves in the work as established by the Grand Lodge ; and, although it has not been my good fortune to be able to have in my District an exemplification of the work, yet I feel that most of the Lodges, relying upon themselves and such assistance as they themselves could command, have so far succeeded as to present in their work most gratifying results.

In all I found the Charters well preserved, carefully kept, and in their proper place, the By-Laws properly approved, the Records in most cases full and complete, and, with one exception, annual Returns fully made up and ready to be delivered to me on the night of my visitation.

Rural Lodge, Quincy, has during the past year met with a great loss. Not only were the jewels, furniture, regalia and seal of the Lodge destroyed by fire, but that which is most to be deplored, the greatest loss, was the destruction of one volume of the Records. This can never be replaced. This bitter experience should induce all Lodges, and especially the older ones, to make a perfect copy of the Records, and to keep that copy in some safe place, separate and apart from the place of deposit of the original, so that the Masonic history of our Lodges may not be forever lost. When I visited Rural Lodge I found the officers and members full of hope for the future, and already making arrangements for more comfortable and convenient quarters than those which were so kindly furnished them by the Knights of Pythias.

I have, besides my regular official duties, installed the officers of Fellowship Lodge.

At nearly every visitation I have been attended by a full suite, and, although we encountered many severe storms on our way, we were so kindly and hospitably received and entertained that the storm was soon forgotten and lost in the light and brotherly love of the Lodge-room.

To those who so kindly accompanied me and assisted me in the discharge of my official duties, and especially to W. Bro. Fred. S. Churchill, who accompanied me as Marshal, I desire to return thanks.

Thanking you, M.W. Grand Master, for the honor which you have conferred upon me, and for the opportunity of thus pleasantly forming the acquaintance of so many noble men and true Masons of the Sixteenth Masonic District,

I am truly and fraternally yours,

HOSEA KINGMAN,

D.D.G. Master Sixteenth Masonic District.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

MALDEN, November 18, 1875.

To PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT, *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— I herewith submit my report of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

In compliance with the requirements of the Grand Constitutions, I have officially visited every Lodge within this jurisdiction, and made a personal inspection of their Charters, Records and By-Laws, and witnessed their work. In these examinations I find little to criticise, and much to commend ; the Charters are all carefully preserved ; the Records, as a rule, are clear, full and accurate, and in one case at least, that of Mount Hermon Lodge, Medford, Parker R. Litchfield, Secretary, the book of Records is so artistically kept that it merits special commendation. The By-Laws have been approved by the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Constitutions are in most of the Lodges, notated with the latest amendments.

The officers of the various Lodges have applied themselves with commendable zeal to conform to the Grand Lodge work, and their proficiency in this respect is as remarkable as it is gratifying. In several instances, where I expected to find a wide departure from the recognized standard, I have been agreeably disappointed, and while the impressiveness of the rendition varies, by reason of special circumstances or surroundings, the conformity to the ritual, as now established, is becoming more and more manifest.

In company with R.W. Bro. Francis Childs, of the Second District, arrangements were made for the exemplification of the work, under the direction of the Grand Lecturers, for the instruction of the Lodges of the two Districts, on Friday, Oct. 22, 1875, at the Masonic Temple, in Boston. The attendance was good, and considerable interest manifested by all present.

I have granted two dispensations for conferring some of the degrees out of the regular order ; in each case the facts, as certified

to me, seemed to render such action desirable, but in all other cases I have declined to interfere with the established custom.

The abstract of Returns herewith enclosed shows a falling off from last year in the amount of work, but I am inclined to think not more than the general depression in all circles would account for; and, although the number of deaths has been unusually large, and the number of those dimitted more than ordinary, the total membership has not been reduced.

The courtesy due to the representative of the Grand Master has in all cases been extended to me in my visits, and peace and harmony prevail throughout the District.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

THEODORE N. FOQUE,

D.D.G. Master Seventeenth Masonic District.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

WARREN, Dec. 1, 1875.

To PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts*:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—It is with pleasure that my mind reverts to the short space of three years, when the honor was first bestowed upon me as District Deputy, and the many happy associations formed during that time will never be erased from memory; and now, Most Worshipful, having performed the last official duties at the close of the year, I have the honor to present you with my third annual report.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
No. of initiates . . .	70	58	62
“ deceased . . .	8	14	7
“ members . . .	697	742	789

When I first received my appointment as D.D.G.M. most of the Lodges in this District were in debt. I have invariably ad-

vised the Brethren to economize, and to furnish their collations from their private means, instead of taking the funds from the treasury; also to collect their dues at the beginning of the year. I am happy to state that all the Lodges are now out of debt, and that each Lodge has a fund in the treasury.

I find that some of the Lodges do not appreciate a good Secretary as they ought. A capable officer should be retained as long as possible. Some of the Lodges that made full and complete Returns last year are deficient this year, because they have changed Secretaries. It is very rarely that new Secretaries make the Returns or keep the Records correctly. Past Secretaries and the W. Master should assist them. In many cases the W.M. signs the Returns, stating that they are complete and correct, when he has not examined them.

I find another bad practice in some of the Lodges, where the Brethren leave the Lodge room at the close of the first or second section of a degree, and many times the officers are left alone to complete the work; the officers get discouraged, and hurry the work; the ceremony becomes cold and formal, and the newly made Brother does not receive that welcome and cordial greeting to which he is entitled.

I received a Warrant from the M.W. Grand Master to exemplify the work at Masonic Hall, Palmer, November 26th. Officers and Brethren were present from all the Lodges in the District, except two. The rain probably prevented them, as well as a large number of Brethren, from attending.

At one o'clock P. M., a Deputy Grand Lodge was opened. W. Bro. Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer, assumed the East, and corrected the work as it proceeded. The officers of Hayden Lodge, rehearsed the first degree; the officers of Quaboag Lodge, the second degree.

After the close of the second degree a collation was served by members of Thomas Lodge.

In the evening the third degree was rehearsed by the officers of Thomas Lodge.

The Brethren expressed their gratification not only for the

benefit they received in witnessing correct work, but in meeting together and getting acquainted.

In reviewing the three years during which I have held this position, while I am quite aware that there are many Brethren in the District who could have filled it with more ability than I have done, I yet feel that I cannot be accused of intentional neglect of my duties, or that I have allowed any considerations of personal convenience to interfere with their proper performance. I have endeavored to act in accordance with my understanding of the duty of a District Deputy, not only to commend where it was due, but also to correct where it was needed. I have instructed and endeavored to bring the Lodges up to the standard established by the Grand Lodge, and to conduct their Lodge affairs on business principles.

To the Brethren throughout the District I return my sincere thanks for their invariable kindness and courtesy towards me. They have ever been prompt and cheerful in complying with every suggestion for improvement. It is pleasant for me to think that the record of the past three years' official intercourse with them is not shaded by the recollection of any unkind words or thoughts.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me as your representative in this District, but must respectfully decline a reappointment.

Yours, sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN WETHERBEE,

D.D.G. Master Eighteenth Masonic District.

CHILI DISTRICT.

VALPARAISO, CHILI, November 9, 1875, A.L. 5875.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston: —

M.W. SIR AND BROTHER, — I have now the honor to accompany herewith the annual Returns of Bethesda and Aconcagua

Lodges, working in this city under Charters from your M.W. Grand Body. For the amount of fees due by them, say \$95.00, I enclose herewith 1st of Ex. at 3 days' sight, Wm. Gilbert & Co. on Messrs. A. Gibbs & Sons, London, £16.18s.5d., being the sterling value at $42\frac{1}{2}$ exchange.

In accordance with your Warrant I was duly installed as your representative for this District, by the Worshipful Master of Bethesda Lodge, on the 9th of August last, and I accompany his return herewith.

During the past year I have granted but one dispensation, viz., under date March 8, 1875, to Aconcagua Lodge, for the purpose of conferring the second and third degrees of Masonry on Bro. F. C. Radbery, who was obliged to leave for a town in the northern part of the republic. As far as has laid in my power I have discouraged the granting of dispensations for such a purpose, as I do not consider them conducive to the interests of the Order.

On the evening of the 8th of May last I consecrated, with the usual ceremonies, the new Lodge Rooms now occupied by those working in the York Rite, especially built for Bethesda Lodge, and a great improvement on any previously used in this city. I was assisted by nearly all the Past Masters, and a large concourse of Brethren was present, the utmost harmony prevailing.

It is my pleasing duty to announce to you that the most perfect harmony prevails between Bethesda and Aconcagua Lodges, as also between them and the Sister Lodges in the same rite, Harmony, under the M.W. Grand Lodge of England, and Star and Thistle under that of Scotland, these latter holding their meetings in the building occupied by Bethesda Lodge.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of W.P.M. Bro. James Haywood, one of the first Masters of Bethesda Lodge, who throughout his long life was one of the most respected and beloved members of the Fraternity. His removal from amongst us leaves a void difficult to replace, and his memory will long be cherished in this city.

I herewith forward to you a petition from eight Brethren re-

siding in Santiago, for permission to establish a Lodge in that city, under your jurisdiction, together with a recommendation from Bethesda Lodge. I have much pleasure in endorsing the request of the petitioners, and trust you will forward the necessary documents at your earliest convenience.

Marked B, I enclose a letter from Aconcagua Lodge, dated 4th inst., from which you will see that the Charter of that Lodge was unfortunately destroyed by a fire which took place on the evening of the 30th ult., which destroyed the dwelling of the Worshipful Master, who had barely time to escape with his life. I shall grant them a dispensation to continue working, until a duplicate Charter be forwarded by you.

In conclusion I have to express my gratitude to you for the continuation of that confidence which was reposed in me by your predecessor, and to request that you will now be pleased to relieve me of my duty by naming another Brother as your representative in this city, as business engagements will probably interfere with my being able to perform the duties of this office next year.

With the assurance of most fraternal respect,

I am, Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Yours most obediently,

A. PLUNKET BOURCHIER,

D.D.G. Master Chili Masonic District.

CHINA DISTRICT.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, October 28, 1875.

To the Most Worshipful PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts: —

M.W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER, — I have very little to report concerning the China District. Ancient Landmark Lodge, the only one in the District, continues prosperous, and although it has not done as much work during the past year as it did in some previous ones, it has done its fair share, and done it fairly

well. The fact is that at present there is very little work to be done. It has elected excellent officers for the present year, and elected them by an almost unanimous vote, and I have no doubt that, at the end of the year, it will be able to give a good account of itself. The state of its finances is satisfactory, and the Lodge is in a very commendable condition. I thought it idle to make a formal visitation, as I attend all the Regular Communications, but I have examined the Record book, and find it carefully and neatly kept.

On the 19th inst., assisted by the R.W. Bro. William C. Blanchard, I installed the officers, on which occasion there were present twelve Past Masters, the largest number that I have ever seen assembled at an installation in Shanghai.

Thanking you for your continued trust in me,

I remain,

M.W. Sir, yours truly and fraternally,

ITHAMAR B. EAMES,
D.D.G. Master China Masonic District.

RETURNS OF LODGES.



FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Limited.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomae.	No. Past Master's Diplomae.
Saint John's . . .	Boston.	7	10	8	3			4	2	11	854	8	1	9	1
Saint Andrew's . . .	Boston.									1	37				1
Massachusetts . . .	Boston.	10	12	11				3	4	5	223	5		14	1
Columbian . . .	Boston.	8	9	2	3			7		7	319	5		2	1
Mount Lebanon . . .	Boston.	11	17	17	2			6	5	4	304	22		17	1
Germania . . .	Boston.	8	8	2	1				3		100	2		2	1
Winslow Lewis . . .	Boston.	3	3	3				3	1	2	64	3		3	1
Revere . . .	Boston.	14	14	14					5	1	198	13		13	1
Joseph Warren . . .	Boston.	12	13	13				4	3	4	428	11		13	
Aberdour . . .	Boston.	14	14	14				5	3	1	87	15		20	
Eleusis . . .	Boston.		2	2				6	3	2	62	3		6	1
Zetland . . .	Boston.	3	3	3	1			2	3	2	62	3		3	
		80	94	89	10			40	26	39	2238	90	1	102	8

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

WILLIAM T. B. MARVIN, District Deputy Grand Master.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Degrees for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King Solomon's	Charlestown.	2	2	3	2			3	22	1	212	10		5	1
Amicable	Cambridgeport.	6	5	5	2			4	4	3	206	5		5	2
Star of Bethlehem.	Chelsea.	18	14	15	7			1		1	233	20		15	1
Henry Price	Charlestown.	10	9	7				7		5	193	10		4	1
Mount Olivet	Cambridge.	6	3	4				7	2	1	101	4		4	1
John Abbot	Somerville.	12	12	14				6	6	2	204	16		14	2
William Sutton.	Saugus.	3	5	4	2			3			73	5		7	
Robert Lash	Chelsea.	3	3	3	1						58	4		6	
Faith	Charlestown.	11	10	10	4			1		1	106	6		6	
Palestine	Everett.	6	6	6	1			.1		1	76	5		5	
		77	69	71	19			33	34	15	1482	85		61	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

FRANCIS CHILDS, District Deputy Grand Master.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDER.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Disinitiated.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Washington	Boston Highlands.	4	6	5	4			6		6	269	8		4	
Union	Dorchester.	5	6	7	1	2		3		4	187	4		6	1
Mount Tabor	East Boston.	12	15	13	12	2		5		4	288	15		21	1
Saint Paul's	South Boston.	15	14	12	3			4		2	234	11		12	1
Baalbec	East Boston.	12	14	14	1			1		5	162	17		8	
Gate of the Temple	South Boston.	7	7	7	4			1		8	180	8	1	3	
Hammatt	East Boston.	6	8	8		2		1		11	115	11		13	
Lafayette	Boston Highlands.	3	3	3	1			5		2	109	4		5	
Adelphi	South Boston.	6	11	11	1	1				3	96	16		15	
Eliot	West Roxbury.	6	6	8	1	1		6		8	85	11		6	1
Rabboni	South Boston.	11	11	11				3		2	81	13		12	1
Temple	East Boston.	14	14	14			1		1	1	104	9		9	
		101	115	113	28	8	1	35	1	25	1900	127	1	114	5

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Attest:

CHARLES J. DANFORTH, District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. Raised.	No. of Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Limited.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Meridian	Natick.	7	4	5	4	4			1	3		162	8		5	
Corinthian	Concord.	2	2	2	1	1			2			87	4		8	
Bethesda	Brighton.	8	8	8	2	2						96	8		8	
Monitor	Waltham.	3	3	3	2	2			1	2	1	167	3		4	
Pegnossette	Watertown.	4	4	4	1	1			3	2		119	7	1	4	
Dalhousie	Newtonville.	19	17	16	7	7			4			227	21	1	21	
Mizpah	Cambridgeport.	6	11	11					1			129	6		11	
Isaac Parker	Waltham.	4	7	6	4	4			1			94	6		6	
Belmont	Belmont.	3	3	3					1		1	71	1		3	
Beth-horon	Brookline.	5	5	6					6		1	58	7		2	
Charles A. Welch	Maynard.	11	8	8	5	5			5	1	2	43	10		8	
72		72	72	72	26				25	8		1253	81	2	72	

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Attest:

GEORGE F. HOMER, District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Receptions for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomata.	No. Past Master's Diplomata.
Philanthropic	Marblehead.	3	2	2	1	11		5		1	77				
Tyrian	Gloucester.	4	3	3	2	3		2		1	163	3		1	
Essex	Salem.	8	7	8	4	18		4		3	156	8	2	3	
Mount Carmel	Lynn.	8	9	9	5	8				3	189	14		7	
Jordan	Peabody.	11	10	9	2	9		2		5	141	10		9	
Liberty	Beverly.	13	14	17	2			1		1	155	11		7	
Ashler	Rockport.	5	5	4	1	3		5		2	167	18		12	
Amity	Danvers.	5	5	5	1			1		2	128	4		4	
Starr King	Salem.	5	5	5	1			1		3	125	8		4	
John T. Heard	Ipswich.	8	8	5	3	3		3		3	89	3	1	3	
Golden Fleece	Lynn.	8	8	8	5	3		4		1	152	14		8	
Acacia	Gloucester.	4	6	7	3					1	93	8		2	
Mosaic	Danvers.	5	3	2	2					1	57	2			
		82	80	79	29	55		29		21	1692	98	3	60	

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Attest:

GEORGE F. BREED, District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Saint John's . . .	Newburyport.	4	5	8	1			1	10	2	94	12	1	2	1
Merrimack . . .	Haverhill.	7	6	6				1	8	1	189	8			
Saint Mark's . . .	Newburyport.	7	8	5	1			1	14	1	100	4	5		
Warren . . .	Amesbury.	14	14	14	5			2	3	1	170	17	2	2	
Saint Matthew's . . .	Andover.	1	1	1	1			1		1	98	1			
Grecian . . .	Lawrence.	16	17	19	10			7	12	2	248	27	5	6	
John Hancock . . .	Methuen.	16	16	15	4			1		4	128	17	1	4	
Tucan . . .	Lawrence.	8	5	4	2			2		4	211	9			
Sagadahew . . .	Haverhill.	3	1	2				4		1	112	2			
Charles C. Dame . . .	Georgetown.	2	4	4				4	7	1	115	4		4	
Bethany . . .	West Amesbury.	7	7	7	9			5		1	87	7		8	1
Phonician . . .	Lawrence.	8	8	8				.1		1	49	9			
Cochichewick . . .	North Andover.										26			15	1
		98	92	93	33			25	51	17	1627	117		14	3

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Attest:

WARREN CURRIER, District Deputy Grand Master.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACES WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomata.	No. Past Master's Diplomata.
Saint Paul	Ayer.	1	1	1	2					4	74	4		2	
Aurora	Fitchburg.	12	11	18	2					4	217	18	1	13	
Pentucket	Lowell.	7	8	7	6				21	3	279	8	5	3	
Ancient York	Lowell.	11	9	9	5			1		2	204	8		9	
Trinity	Clinton.	6	5	5	7			7		4	155	7		5	
Caleb Butler	Ayer.	5	5	5	7			8	1	2	97	10	1	5	1
Charles W. Moore	Fitchburg.	18	13	16	3			4	3		186	19	1	14	
Kilwinning	Lowell.	1	2	2							61			5	
William North	Lowell.	10	13	12	2			1			170	15		12	
		66	67	70	34			20	25	15	1393	89	8	63	1

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Attest:

SOLON W. STEVENS, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Elections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Republican	Greenfield.	4	4	5	5			4	8	1	187	9	1	5	1
Harmony	Northfield.	8	5	5					1	3	71	6	2	9	1
Pacific	Amherst.	4	7	6	2			2	1	1	102	7		1	
Mountain	Shelburne Falls.	6	7	7	2			2	7		74	7	6	2	1
Orange	Orange.	10	7	8	8			3			163	8		8	1
Hope	Gardner.	4	4	5	5					1	107	7		5	1
Star	Athol.	11	11	10	5						86	12		10	1
Artisan	Winchendon.	5	3	3	1			3	3	2	58	5		6	1
Morning Sun	Conway.	9	10	10	3			1	1		64	10		3	1
Bay State	Montague.	7	8	9	8			1	1		48	9		4	1
Athol	Athol Centre.	7	8	5	4			4		2	66	8			
		75	74	73	41			20	20	10	1026	88		53	9

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Attest:

BOWDOIN S. PARKER, District Deputy Grand Master.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Elections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Evening Star . . .	Lee.	13	13	9	4			1		2	68	6		8	
Cincinnatus . . .	Great Barrington.	7	6	5				5	2	1	111		1	2	
Wisdom . . .	West Stockbridge.	1	1	1				18	8	2	40	20		2	
Mystic . . .	Pittsfield.	15	13	13	6			12		1	133			9	
Lafayette . . .	North Adams.	13	13	13	1			1	4		150	17	1	14	
Berkshire . . .	South Adams.	6	7	10	6			1		1	66	10		3	
Globe . . .	Hinsdale.	2	1					1			46	1		7	
Upton . . .	Cheshire.	4	4	4	5						43	6		4	
Occidental . . .	Stockbridge.	4	3	2							36	2		3	
Williams . . .	Williamstown.	5	6	4	5			1			41	4			
Greylock . . .	North Adams.	10	13	10	5			3		1	70	11		5	
Crescent . . .	Pittsfield.	2	2	2	4					1	23	24		6	
		82	82	73	36			42	14	9	827	101	2	53	

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Attest:

JOHN R. DAVISON, District Deputy Grand Master.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Unlited.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Jerusalem	Northampton.	11	10	12	1			2		2	237	14			
Hampden	Springfield.	34	28	28	15	87		2		5	379	86	2	30	
Chicopee	Chicopee.	8	9	9	6	2		5		1	184	11	3	9	
Mount Tom	Holyoke.	20	20	16	13	10		3		2	197	21		16	
Mount Moriah	Westfield.	6	8	7	9	2				2	214	10	1	15	
Roswell Lee	Springfield.	28	27	33	6	23		1		2	283	59	16	33	
Huntington	Huntington.	10	8	9	1			1			93	9		7	
Ionic	Easthampton.	10	9	7	7	3				1	129	12		4	
Mount Holyoke	So. Hadley Falls.	4	4	4	2	1		4			63	4		4	
Belcher	Chicopee Falls.	9	9	8	3	1					72	8		8	
Hampshire	Haydenville.	5	5	5	3	2		2		1	57	5			
		145	137	138	66	131		20		16	1908	189	21	126	

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Attest:

JOHN E. SHEPMAN, District Deputy Grand Master.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Morning Star	Worcester.	9	9	9	8			2		6	327	9			
Mount Zion	Barre.	1	1	2	1			2		1	93	8	2		
Montacute	Worcester.	11	10	10	10			4		3	325	15		9	
Webster	Webster.	1	1	1	1			4		2	111	1		6	
Wildor	Leominster.	7	6	6	2					2	112	7	1		
Oxford	Oxford.	8	3	4							60	4		3	
United Brethren	Marlborough.	6	5	5	2			2		2	116	5		10	
Doric	Hudson.	2	5	6	2	4		3		1	144	6		4	
Athelstan	Worcester.	12	10	10	11			1		1	211	12		14	
Saint Bernard	Southborough.	2	2	2				1			43	1		2	
Quinsigamond	Worcester.	4	3	2	1						34	3		6	
Spencer	Spencer.	4		1	1			1			36	3			
		62	55	58	38	4		20		18	1612	69	3	54	

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Attest:

CHARLES W. MOODY, District Deputy Grand Master.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges Diploma.	No. Past Masters' Diploma.
Middlesex	Framingham.	6	5	7	3			1	19	1	91	4		6	9
Montgomery	Millford.	7	7	11	8			1		4	192	14	6	7	
Olive Branch	Millbury.	4	2	2	1			4	2	2	109	4	1	1	
Solomon's Temple	Uxbridge.	9	9	6	5			1		2	146	7		9	
Franklin	Grafton.	3	3	2	2			2	4	1	79	3			
Blackstone River	Blackstone.	4	4	4	2			5	3	1	106	8	1		
John Warren	Hopkinton.	4	1	4	2						84	4		6	
North Star	Ashland.	6	6	6	3			2		1	92	6		5	
Mount Hollis	Holliston.	5	5	5	2			2		2	87	5			
Excelsior	Franklin.	2	2	2	4			2	10	2	63	2	2		
Siloam	Westborough.	11	10	9	2			5		1	82	10		15	
Charles River	West Medway.	6	7	7	4					2	49	7			
		67	61	65	38			25	38	21	1180	74	10	46	

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Attest:

IRVING B. SAYLES, District Deputy Grand Master.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Defects.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Bristol	No. Attleborough.	8	8	3	1					1	134	3		11	1
King David	Taunton.	10	9	12	4			4		3	285	15	2	11	1
Rising Star	Stoughton.	2	2	4	1			1		2	97	5	1	6	1
Saint Alban's	Foxborough.	2	2	1	3					2	136	2			1
Orient	Norwood.	5	5	3	1			1	3	2	104	5		6	
Blue Hill	Canton.	4	4	3	2			1			68	4		6	
Saint James	Mansfield.	3	3	3	7			1			101	3		2	1
Alfred Baylies	Taunton.	3	2	1	5				1		115	1		6	2
Hyde Park	Hyde Park.	3	5	4	2			1		1	119	10		7	1
Ionic	Taunton.	7	5	5	5			5			112	5			1
Paul Dean	North Easton.	8	8	9	3			2		1	87	9			1
Ezekiel Bates	Attleborough.	5	4	4	9			1			89	4			2
Constellation	Dedham.	6	7	6	2			7			93	8			1
Charles H. Titus	Taunton.	4	4	7	2					1	51	7		14	1
Norfolk	Needham.	4	4	7	2						28				1
		65	63	65	42			23	4	13	1619	81	3	58	14

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

GEORGE L. RHOADS, District Deputy Grand Master.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Union	Nantucket.	11	10	10	1				8	8	103	12		6	1
Marine	Falmouth.	1	1	2							41	2			
Star in the East	New Bedford.	15	16	14	28			1			308	23	6	18	
Mount Hope	Fall River.	16	12	10	21			1		1	266	10		12	
Eureka	New Bedford.	12	10	20	7			1	5	3	199	11		14	
Martha's Vineyard	Vineyard Haven.							3		1	65	2	1		
Pythagorean	Marion.	4	4	4				1		1	72	6		6	
Pioneer	Somerset.	3	5	6	2			7	4	1	97	6	1	5	
Mayflower	Middleborough.	5	5	3	9			3	1	2	116	4		8	
King Philip	Fall River.	17	13	11	8			1	12	2	167	11		6	
Oriental	Edgartown.	5	7	6	1			2		1	54	5		6	
Concordia	Fairhaven.	5	5	8	3						45	10		11	
		94	88	84	80			20	30	14	1523	101	8	86	1

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Attest:

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., District Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dismissed.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King Hiram	Provincetown.	12	16	16	2	7			2	1	187	16	1	14	
Fraternal	Hyannis.	7	7	7							158	13			
Social Harmony	Wareham.	1	1	1	3			2			75	3		6	
Mount Horeb	West Harwich.	9	8	9				3		4	146	10			
De Witt Clinton	Sandwich.	10	8	8		5		4			52	10		9	
Pilgrim	Harwich.	5	8	7	1	7		3		2	127	8			
James Otis	Barnstable.				2			3		2	68				
Adams	Wellfleet.	8	8	5	1						115	6		6	
Howard	South Yarmouth.	6	6	5							44	7			
Mariners	Cotuit.	3	4	3					1	1	51	3			
Saint Martin's	Chatham.	1	1	1	3			1			41	2			
		62	67	64	12	19		18		10	1059	78	1	35	

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Attest:

JOHN W. ATWOOD, District Deputy Grand Master.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Disinited.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodges.	No. Past Masters' Diplomas.
Old Colony	Hingham.	4	4	4	4			4	1		104	5		7	
Fellowship	Bridgewater.	9	9	8	3				6	2	175	9	2	11	
Rural	Quincy.	4	5	5	6			6			153	6		5	
Corner Stone	Duxbury.	5	6	8	1			2	4		75	7		8	
Norfolk Union	Randolph.	4	6	6	1					1	77	5		1	
Orphan's Hope	East Weymouth.	4	6	4	5			1	7	1	167	3		6	
Plymouth	Plymouth.	4	6	4	3			3	3	1	140	5		3	
Paul Revere	Brockton.	16	14	17	12			3	9	1	222	19		13	
John Cutler	Abington.		6	4				1		2	180	1		1	
Konohassett	Cohasset.	5	6	4							98	4		4	
Delta	Weymouth.	9	8	9							102	6		8	
Puritan	South Abington.	6	6	6	1			1			98	6		19	
Phoenix	Hanover.	8	9	9	4			1		1	57	16		9	
		78	85	84	40			22	30	11	1588	92		2	95

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Attest:

HOSBA KINGMAN, District Deputy Grand Master.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Reinstated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomata.	No. Past Masters' Diplomata.
Hiram	Arlington.	7	7	6	3			10	2	1	155	11		14	1
Putnam	East Cambridge.	5	5	4				4		2	128	8		10	
Mount Hermon	Medford.	5	4	4						1	149	10		10	
Mount Horeb	Woburn.	7	7	7	1				2	5	182	7			1
Wyoming	Melrose.	6	6	6				16	2	4	193	10		6	
Mount Vernon	Malden.	4	4	4				7	1	4	156	4		6	1
William Parkman	Winchester.	5	3	3	3			3	3	1	82	6		5	1
Charity	North Cambridge.	3	3	2	1			1			62	6		5	1
Good Samaritan	Reading.	4	6	4	5			1			73	3		5	1
Simon W. Robinson	Lexington.	8	8	8					2		51	8		10	1
		54	53	48	13			44	8	20	1181	73		71	6

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

THEODORE N. FOOTE, District Deputy Grand Master.

EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Thomas	Palmer.	11	10	11	9			8	8	2	105	13		2	1
Bethel	Enfield.	2	2	2	1			2		1	60	3		9	
Quaboag	Warren.	7	8	8				2	5	2	96	3		10	
Quinebang	Southbridge.	4	4	4				2			130	5			
Day Spring	Monson.	4	5	4				4			61	4		11	
Hayden	Brookfield.	7	7	6	4			2			98	6			
Eden	Ware.	16	16	16	3			1	5	1	94	17	1		1
Vernon	Belchertown.	4	5	7	1			1		1	50	6		4	1
Newton	Wilbraham.	4	4	5	2			1		1	75	5			
Anchor	Wales.	3	2	2	1						20	2			
		62	63	65	21			15	13	7	789	64	1	36	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

JOHN WETHERBEE, District Deputy Grand Master.

CHILI MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Reflections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Initiated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bethesda	Valparaiso.	8	16	5	4			3	5	5	117	8		3	
Aconcagua	Valparaiso.	7	2	5	3				1		46	9		5	
		15	18	10	7			3	1	5	163	17		8	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

H. PLUNKET BOUCHIER, District Deputy Grand Master.

CHINA MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimitted.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Installed.	No. Grand Lodge Diploma.	No. Past Master's Diploma.
Ancient Landmark . . .	Shanghai.	6	6	4	3			8	1		47	6		3	
		6	6	4	3			8	1		47	6		3	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodge.

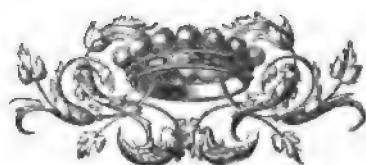
Attest:

ITHAMAR B. EAMES, District Deputy Grand Master.

RECAPITULATION.

FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES COMPOSING THE SEVERAL MASONIC DISTRICTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
 GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, A. E. 5874.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended.	No. Expelled.	No. Dimited.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
District No. 1	80	94	89	10			40	26	39	2,238	90	1	102	8
" 2	77	69	71	19			33	34	15	1,482	85		61	3
" 3	101	115	113	28	8	1	35	1	25	1,900	127	1	114	5
" 4	72	72	72	26			25	8		1,253	81	2	72	
" 5	82	80	79	29	55		29		21	1,692	98	3	60	
" 6	93	92	93	33			25	51	17	1,627	117	14	36	3
" 7	66	67	70	34			20	25	15	1,393	89	8	63	1
" 8	75	74	73	41			20	20	10	1,026	88	9	53	9
" 9	82	82	73	36			42	14	9	827	101	2	53	
" 10	145	137	138	66	131		20		16	1,908	189	21	126	
" 11	62	55	58	38	4		20		18	1,612	69	3	54	
" 12	67	61	65	38			25	38	21	1,180	74	10	46	
" 13	65	63	65	42			23	4	13	1,619	81	3	58	14
" 14	94	88	84	80			18	30	14	1,523	101	8	86	1
" 15	62	67	64	12	19		18	10	10	1,059	78	1	35	
" 16	78	85	84	40			22	30	11	1,588	92	2	95	
" 17	54	53	48	13			44	8	20	1,181	73		71	6
" 18	62	63	65	21			15	13	7	789	64	1	36	3
Chili District	15	18	10	7			3	1	5	163	17		8	
China District	6	6	4	3			8	1		47	6		3	
Total	1,418	1,441	1,418	616	217	1	487	304	286	26,107	1,720	89	1,232	53



TABLES OF MASONIC DISTRICTS, FOR 1876.

GIVING THE NAME OF EACH LODGE, DATE OF CHARTER, LOCATION,
AND THE MONTH OF ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 1876.

DISTRICT No. I. — BOSTON.

R.W. HENRY G. FAY, BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S . . .	1733 . .	Boston . . .	November
SAINT ANDREW'S . .	1756 . .	Boston . . .	November
MASSACHUSETTS . .	1770 . .	Boston . . .	December
COLUMBIAN	1796 . .	Boston . . .	December
MOUNT LEBANON . .	1801 . .	Boston . . .	December
GERMANIA	1855 . .	Boston . . .	November
WINSLOW LEWIS . .	1856 . .	Boston . . .	November
REVERE	1857 . .	Boston . . .	December
JOSEPH WARREN . .	1857 . .	Boston . . .	December
ABERDOUR	1861 . .	Boston . . .	November
ELEUSIS	1865 . .	Boston . . .	December
ZETLAND	1868 . .	Boston . . .	December

DISTRICT No. II. — CHARLESTOWN.

R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS, CHARLESTOWN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
KING SOLOMON'S . .	1783 . .	Charlestown . .	October
AMICABLE	1805 . .	Cambridgeport .	December
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	1845 . .	Chelsea	November
JOHN ABBOT	1858 . .	Somerville . . .	September
HENRY PRICE	1859 . .	Charlestown . .	October
MOUNT OLIVET . . .	1864 . .	Cambridge . . .	November
WILLIAM SUTTON . .	1867 . .	Saugus	December
ROBERT LASH	1867 . .	Chelsea	November
FAITH	1869 . .	Charlestown . .	December
PALESTINE	1869 . .	Everett	December

DISTRICT No. III.—BOSTON HIGHLANDS.

R.W. SETH C. AMES, EAST BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
WASHINGTON . . .	1796 . .	Boston Highlands .	November
UNION	1796 . .	Dorchester . . .	December
MOUNT TABOR . . .	1846 . .	East Boston . . .	November
SAINT PAUL'S . . .	1847 . .	South Boston . . .	December
BAALBEC	1853 . .	East Boston . . .	November
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	1856 . .	South Boston . . .	November
HAMMATT	1860 . .	East Boston . . .	December
LAFAYETTE	1866 . .	Boston Highlands .	June
ADELPHI	1866 . .	South Boston . . .	November
ELIOT	1867 . .	West Roxbury . .	May
RABONI	1870 . .	South Boston . . .	December
TEMPLE	1871 . .	East Boston . . .	December

DISTRICT No. IV.—CAMBRIDGE.

R.W. EDWARD C. DAMON, CONCORD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
CORINTHIAN . . .	1797 . .	Concord	October
MERIDIAN	1797 . .	Natick	October
BETHESDA	1819 . .	Brighton	December
MONITOR	1820 . .	Waltham	November
PEQUOSSETTE . . .	1857 . .	Watertown	June
DALHOUSIE	1861 . .	Newtonville . . .	June
BELMONT	1865 . .	Belmont	March
ISAAC PARKER . . .	1868 . .	Waltham	December
MIZPAH	1868 . .	Cambridgeport . .	December
BETH-HORON	1871 . .	Brookline	December
CHARLES A. WELCH .	1873 . .	Maynard	March
FRATERNITY (U.D.) .	— . .	Newtonville . . .	—

DISTRICT No. V. — SALEM.

R.W. GEORGE F. BREED, LYNN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
PHILANTHROPIC . . .	1760 . .	Marblehead . . .	December
TYRIAN	1770 . .	Gloucester . . .	November
ESSEX	1791 . .	Salem	December
MOUNT CARMEL . . .	1805 . .	Lynn	December
JORDAN	1808 . .	Peabody	November
LIBERTY	1824 . .	Beverly	December
ASHLER	1852 . .	Rockport	December
AMITY	1864 . .	Danvers	November
STARR KING. . . .	1865 . .	Salem	November
JOHN T. HEARD . . .	1865 . .	Ipswich	December
GOLDEN FLEECE . . .	1865 . .	Lynn	December
ACACIA	1866 . .	Gloucester	June
MOAIC	1871 . .	Danvers	December

DISTRICT No. VI. — NEWBURYPORT.

R.W. WARREN CURRIER, NEWBURYPORT, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT JOHN'S . . .	1766 . .	Newburyport . . .	March
MERRIMACK	1802 . .	Haverhill	November
SAINT MARK'S . . .	1803 . .	Newburyport . . .	September
WARREN	1822 . .	Amesbury	September
SAINT MATTHEW'S . .	1822 . .	Andover	December
GRECIAN	1825 . .	Lawrence	September
JOHN HANCOCK . . .	1861 . .	Methuen	September
TUSCAN	1863 . .	Lawrence	September
SAGGAHEW	1865 . .	Haverhill	December
CHARLES C. DAME . .	1867 . .	Georgetown	January
BETHANY	1869 . .	West Amesbury . .	September
PHŒNICIAN	1871 . .	Lawrence	September
COCHICHEWICK . . .	1875 . .	North Andover . .	November

DISTRICT No. VII.—LOWELL.

R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS, LOWELL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
SAINT PAUL	1797 . .	Ayer	October
AURORA	1801 . .	Fitchburg	September
PENTUCKET	1807 . .	Lowell	October
ANCIENT YORK	1853 . .	Lowell	October
TRINITY	1859 . .	Clinton	September
CALEB BUTLER	1860 . .	Ayer	December
CHARLES W. MOORE	1866 . .	Fitchburg	September
KILWINNING	1867 . .	Lowell	November
WILLIAM NORTH	1868 . .	Lowell	October
LUTHER S. BANCROFT (U.D.)		Pepperell	—

DISTRICT No. VIII.—GREENFIELD.

R.W. JONAS K. PATCH, SHELBURNE FALLS, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
REPUBLICAN	1795 . .	Greenfield	November
HARMONY	1796 . .	Northfield	November
PACIFIC	1801 . .	Amherst	November
MOUNTAIN	1806 . .	Shelburne Falls	November
ORANGE	1860 . .	Orange	November
HOPE	1865 . .	Gardner	October
STAR	1865 . .	Athol	November
ARTISAN	1866 . .	Winchendon	September
MORNING SUN	1870 . .	Conway	November
BAY STATE	1873 . .	Montague	October
ATHOL	1873 . .	Athol Centre	November

DISTRICT No. IX. — PITTSFIELD.

R W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, PITTSFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
EVENING STAR	1795 . .	Lee	September
CINCINNATUS	1796 . .	Great Barrington .	December
WISDOM	1803 . .	West Stockbridge	December
MYSTIC	1810 . .	Pittsfield	October
LAFAYETTE	1849 . .	North Adams . . .	December
BERKSHIRE	1858 . .	South Adams . . .	November
GLOBE	1870 . .	Hinsdale	November
UPTON	1870 . .	Cheshire	November
OCCIDENTAL	1871 . .	Stockbridge	December
WILLIAMS	1872 . .	Williamstown . . .	December
GREYLOCK	1872 . .	North Adams . . .	November
CRESCENT	1874 . .	Pittsfield	September

DISTRICT No. X. — SPRINGFIELD.

R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN, SPRINGFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
JERUSALEM	1797 . .	Northampton . . .	November
HAMPDEN	1817 . .	Springfield	November
CHICOPEE	1849 . .	Chicopee	November
MOUNT TOM	1850 . .	Holyoke	November
MOUNT MORIAH	1856 . .	Westfield	September
ROSWELL LEE	1865 . .	Springfield	November
HUNTINGTON	1867 . .	Huntington	December
IONIC	1868 . .	Easthampton	November
MOUNT HOLYOKE	1870 . .	South Hadley Falls	November
BELCHER	1871 . .	Chicopee Falls . . .	October
HAMPSHIRE	1872 . .	Haydenville	November

DISTRICT No. XI. — WORCESTER.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, WORCESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MORNING STAR . . .	1793 . .	Worcester . . .	November
MOUNT ZION . . .	1800 . .	Barre . . .	September
MONTACUTE . . .	1859 . .	Worcester . . .	November
WEBSTER . . .	1859 . .	Webster . . .	December
WILDER . . .	1860 . .	Leominster . . .	September
OXFORD . . .	1860 . .	Oxford . . .	September
UNITED BRETHREN . .	1860 . .	Marlborough . .	November
DORIC . . .	1864 . .	Hudson . . .	September
ATHELSTAN . . .	1866 . .	Worcester . . .	November
SAINT BERNARD . .	1868 . .	Southborough . .	September
QUINSIGAMOND . .	1871 . .	Worcester . . .	October
SPENCER . . .	1872 . .	Spencer . . .	October

DISTRICT No. XII. — MILFORD.

R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES, MILLBURY, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
MIDDLESEX . . .	1795 . .	Framingham . .	November
MONTGOMERY . . .	1797 . .	Milford . . .	October
OLIVE BRANCH . .	1797 . .	Millbury . . .	October
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE .	1818 . .	Uxbridge . . .	October
FRANKLIN . . .	1852 . .	Grafton . . .	November
BLACKSTONE RIVER .	1856 . .	Blackstone . . .	November
JOHN WARREN . .	1861 . .	Hopkinton . . .	October
NORTH STAR . . .	1865 . .	Ashland . . .	November
MOUNT HOLLIS . .	1865 . .	Holliston . . .	December
EXCELSIOR . . .	1867 . .	Franklin . . .	January
SILAM . . .	1867 . .	Westborough . .	November
CHARLES RIVER . .	1871 . .	West Medway . .	October
ALPHA (U. D.). . .	— . .	South Framingham	—

DISTRICT No. XIII.—TAUNTON.

R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS, NORWOOD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
BRISTOL	1797 . . .	No. Attleborough . . .	December
KING DAVID	1798 . . .	Taunton	November
RISING STAR	1799 . . .	Stoughton	November
SAINT ALBAN'S	1818 . . .	Foxborough	July
ORIENT	1862 . . .	Norwood	January
BLUE HILL	1864 . . .	Canton	November
SAINT JAMES	1865 . . .	Mansfield	December
ALFRED BATLIES	1866 . . .	Taunton	October
HYDE PARK	1866 . . .	Hyde Park	December
IONIC	1867 . . .	Taunton	November
PAUL DEAN	1868 . . .	North Easton	November
EZEKIEL BATES	1871 . . .	Attleborough	December
CONSTELLATION	1872 . . .	Dedham	March
CHARLES H. TITUS	1873 . . .	Taunton	October
NORFOLK	1875 . . .	Neadham	May

DISTRICT No. XIV.—NEW BEDFORD.

R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART, FALL RIVER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
UNION	1771 . . .	Nantucket	December
MARINE	1798 . . .	Falmouth	December
STAR IN THE EAST	1823 . . .	New Bedford	January
MGUNT HOPE	1824 . . .	Fall River	November
EUREKA	1858 . . .	New Bedford	January
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	1860 . . .	Vineyard Haven	December
PYTHAGOREAN	1863 . . .	Marion	December
PIONEER	1864 . . .	Somerset	November
MAY FLOWER	1865 . . .	Middleborough	December
KING PHILIP	1866 . . .	Fall River	November
ORIENTAL	1867 . . .	Edgartown	December
CONCORDIA	1873 . . .	Fairhaven	December
NARRAGANSETT (U. D.)—		Fall River	

DISTRICT No. XV. — BARNSTABLE.

R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD, PROVINCETOWN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
KING HIRAM . . .	1796 . .	Provincetown . .	November
FRATERNAL . . .	1801 . .	Hyannis . . .	January
SOCIAL HARMONY . . .	1823 . .	Wareham . . .	December
MOUNT HOREB . . .	1855 . .	West Harwich . .	December
DE WITT CLINTON . . .	1856 . .	Sandwich . . .	December
PILGRIM	1860 . .	South Harwich . .	December
JAMES OTIS	1866 . .	Barnstable . . .	October
ADAMS	1866 . .	Wellfleet	January
HOWARD	1870 . .	South Yarmouth . .	January
MARINERS	1871 . .	Cotuit	January
SAINT MARTIN'S . . .	1873 . .	Chatham	December

DISTRICT No. XVI. — PLYMOUTH.

R.W. HOSEA KINGMAN, BRIDGEWATER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
OLD COLONY . . .	1792 . .	Hingham . . .	December
FELLOWSHIP . . .	1797 . .	Bridgewater . . .	September
RURAL	1801 . .	Quincy	November
CORNER STONE . . .	1801 . .	Duxbury	November
NORFOLK UNION . . .	1819 . .	Randolph	November
ORPHAN'S HOPE . . .	1825 . .	East Weymouth . .	May
PLYMOUTH	1825 . .	Plymouth	November
PAUL REVERE	1857 . .	Brockton	December
JOHN CUTLER	1860 . .	Abington	September
KONOHASSETT	1865 . .	Cohasset	January
DELTA	1869 . .	Weymouth	October
PURITAN	1870 . .	South Abington . .	September
PHENIX	1874 . .	Hanover	December
SATUIT (U. D.) . . .	— . . .	Scituate	—

DISTRICT No. XVII. — WOBURN.

R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE, MALDEN, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
HIRAM	1797 . .	Arlington . . .	November
PUTNAM	1855 . .	East Cambridge .	December
MOUNT HERMON . . .	1855 . .	Medford	December
MOUNT HOREB . . .	1856 . .	Woburn	December
WYOMING	1857 . .	Melrose	September
MOUNT VERNON . . .	1858 . .	Malden	November
WILLIAM PARKMAN . .	1865 . .	Winchester . . .	December
CHARITY	1870 . .	North Cambridge .	December
GOOD SAMARITAN . .	1871 . .	Reading	September
SIMON W. ROBINSON .	1871 . .	Lexington . . .	November
KING CYRUS (U. D.) .	— . .	Stoneham	—

DISTRICT No. XVIII. — PALMER.

R.W. PLINY T. LITCHFIELD, SOUTHBRIDGE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
THOMAS	1796 . .	Palmer	November
BETHEL	1825 . .	Enfield	November
QUABOAG	1859 . .	Warren	November
QUINEBAUG	1860 . .	Southbridge . . .	September
DAY SPRING	1863 . .	Monson	December
HAYDEN	1864 . .	Brookfield . . .	November
EDEN	1864 . .	Ware	November
VERNON	1870 . .	Belchertown . . .	December
NEWTON	1871 . .	Wilbraham . . .	November
ANCHOR	1874 . .	Wales	December

CHILI DISTRICT.

R.W. DAVID TRUMBULL, VALPARAISO, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
BETHESDA	1854 . .	Valparaiso . . .	August
ACONCAGUA	1871 . .	Valparaiso . . .	August

CHINA DISTRICT.

R.W. ITHAMAR B. EAMES, SHANGHAI, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
ANCIENT LANDMARK .	1854 . .	Shanghai	October

ALPHABETICAL LIST
OF
LODGES, THEIR LOCATIONS AND SECRETARIES,
FOR THE YEAR 1876.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
ABERDOUR	Boston	Charles I. Eaton.
ACACIA	Gloucester	Frederick L. Stacy
ACONCAGUA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	Michael A. Maguire.
ADAMS	Wellfleet	George T. Wyer.
ADELPHI	South Boston	John H. Locke.
ALFRED BAYLIES . .	Taunton	Lemuel T. Talbot.
AMICABLE	Cambridgeport . . .	Charles Tufts.
AMITY	Danvers	Theophilus C. Everett.
ANCHOR	Wales	Frank A. Royce.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	Shanghai, China . .	Thomas Scott.
ANCIENT YORK . . .	Lowell	Duane P. Stacy.
ARTISAN	Winchendon	Lewis Howe.
ASHLER	Rockport	William G. Davis, Jr.
ATHELSTAN	Worcester	George C. Holden.
ATHOL	Athol Centre	Frederick F. Twitchell.
AURORA	Fitchburg	Frederick A. Currier.
BAALBEC	East Boston	Daniel W. Palmer.
BAY STATE	Montague	Charles P. Wright.
BELCHER	Chicopee Falls . . .	Nathaniel Clark.
BELMONT	Belmont	Gustavus C. Holt.
BERKSHIRE	South Adams	James C. Chalmers.
BETHANY	West Amesbury . . .	Le Burton W. Colby.
BETHEL	Enfield	Robert D. Bussey.
BETHESDA	Brighton	John T. Needham.
BETHESDA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	Charles H. Monat.

BETH-HORON . . .	Brookline . . .	Francis H. Bacon.
BLACKSTONE RIVER .	Blackstone . . .	Horatio Stockbridge.
BLUE HILL . . .	Canton . . .	Nathaniel W. Dunbar.
BRISTOL . . .	North Attleborough .	George C. Bugbee.
CALEB BUTLER . .	Ayer . . .	John E. Parsons.
CHARITY . . .	North Cambridge .	Thomas T. Ferguson.
CHARLES A. WELCH	Maynard . . .	William H. Maynard.
CHARLES C. DAME .	Georgetown . . .	Robert A. Coker.
CHARLES H. TITUS .	Taunton . . .	Cornelius H. Paull.
CHARLES RIVER . .	West Medway . . .	Henry C. Austin.
CHARLES W. MOORE	Fitchburg . . .	Joseph L. Stratton.
CHICOPEE . . .	Chicopee . . .	Brainard F. McLean.
CINCINNATUS . . .	Great Barrington .	Marcus H. Rogers.
COCHICHEWICK . .	North Andover . .	Charles F. Johnson.
COLUMBIAN . . .	Boston . . .	William Martin.
CONCORDIA . . .	Fairhaven . . .	Seth H. Keith.
CONSTELLATION . .	Dedham . . .	Edwin A. Brooks.
CORINTHIAN . . .	Concord . . .	D. Goodwin Lang.
CORNER STONE . .	Duxbury . . .	George A. Green.
CRESCENT . . .	Pittsfield . . .	Theodore L. Allen.
DALHOUSIE . . .	Newtonville . . .	Horatio F. Allen.
DAY SPRING . . .	Monson . . .	Henry E. Bugbee.
DELTA . . .	Weymouth . . .	Charles G. Thompson.
DE WITT CLINTON .	Sandwich . . .	John Q. Miller.
DORIC . . .	Hudson . . .	Edward A. Holyoke.
EDEN . . .	Ware . . .	Edward C. Merriam.
ELEUSIS . . .	Boston . . .	George F. Child.
ELIOT . . .	Jamaica Plain . .	Charles H. Smith.
ESSEX . . .	Salem . . .	Joseph Swasey.
EUREKA . . .	New Bedford . . .	George W. Parker.
EVENING STAR . .	Lee . . .	David P. Hamblin.
EXCELSIOR . . .	Franklin . . .	William A. Wyckoff.
EZEKIEL BATES . .	Attleborough . . .	Eugene T. Pearce.
FAITH . . .	Charlestown . . .	Joseph W. Linnell.
FELLOWSHIP . . .	Bridgewater . . .	Warren K. Churchill.
FRANKLIN . . .	Grafton . . .	William S. Wood.
FRATERNAL . . .	Hyannis . . .	Oliver C. Hoxie.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	South Boston . . .	Alban S. Green.
GERMANIA . . .	Boston . . .	Fred. C. Blocklinger.
GLOBE . . .	Hinsdale . . .	George T. Plunkett.
GOLDEN FLEECE . .	Lynn . . .	William B. Phillips.
GOOD SAMARITAN .	Reading . . .	James Reid.

GRECIAN	Lawrence	Charles H. Bean.
GREYLOCK	North Adams	Daniel J. Barber.
HAMMATT	East Boston	Samuel L. Fowle.
HAMPDEN	Springfield	Charles Taylor.
HAMPSHIRE	Haydenville	Morris P. Furrington.
HARMONY	Northfield	Ezra L. Holton.
HAYDEN	Brookfield	David Clapp.
HENRY PRICE	Charlestown	Elijah S. Wait.
HIRAM	Arlington	Thomas H. Wakefield.
HOPE	Gardner	James H. Greenwood.
HOWARD	South Yarmouth	Zenas P. Howes.
HUNTINGTON	Huntington	Thomas Davis.
HYDE PARK	Hyde Park	Henry S. Bunton.
IONIC	Taunton	George E. Manning.
IONIC	Easthampton	Lyman N. Baldwin.
ISAAC PARKER	Waltham	Charles I. Eaton.
JAMES OTIS	Barnstable	Ansel D. Lothrop.
JERUSALEM	Northampton	John A. Sullivan.
JOHN ABBOT	Somerville	George L. Baxter.
JOHN CUTLER	Abington	Erastus M. Nash.
JOHN HANCOCK	Methuen	Walter E. Stevens.
JOHN T. HEARD	Ipswich	Eberard H. Martin.
JOHN WARREN	Hopkinton	William B. Coburn.
JORDAN	Peabody	Charles H. Goulding.
JOSEPH WARREN	Boston	Ivory H. Pope.
KILWINNING	Lowell	Francis A. Nichols.
KING DAVID	Taunton	James A. Messenger.
KING HIRAM	Provincetown	Reuben W. Swift.
KING PHILIP	Fall River	Edward T. Marvel.
KING SOLOMON	Charlestown	George W. Abbott.
KONOHASSET	Cohasset	James H. Bouvé.
LAFAYETTE	Boston Highlands	John D. Willard.
LAFAYETTE	North Adams	Charles H. Warren.
LIBERTY	Beverly	George Meacom.
MARINE	Falmouth	Herbert F. Robinson.
MARINERS	Cotuit	Andrew Lovell.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	Vineyard Haven	Daniel W. Stevens.
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	Charles O. Fox.
MAY FLOWER	Middleborough	Benjamin F. Tripp.
MERIDIAN	Natick	Amos P. Cheney.
MERRIMACK	Haverhill	Francis J. Stevens.
MIDDLESEX	Framingham	Arthur D. Leland.

MIZPAH	Cambridgeport	George E. Ryder.
MONITOR	Waltham	Thomas Kirke.
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MORNING SUN	Conway	Charles H. Day.
MONTACUTE	Worcester	Jeremiah Swasey.
MONTGOMERY	Milford	Frank Dewing.
MOAIC	Danvers	George H. Perkins.
MOUNTAIN	Shelburne Falls	Edwin Baker.
MOUNT CARMEL	Lynn	Timothy Stevens.
MOUNT HERMON	Medford	Parker R. Litchfield.
MOUNT HOLLIS	Holliston	Herman Bragg.
MOUNT HOLYOKE	South Hadley Falls	Edmund R. Pearson.
MOUNT HOPE	Fall River	Andrew M. Speedie.
MOUNT HOREB	Woburn	Sparrow Horton.
MOUNT HOREB	West Harwich	Samuel S. Baker.
MOUNT LEBANON	Boston	Homer Ashley.
MOUNT MORIAH	Westfield	James R. Gladwin.
MOUNT OLIVET	Cambridge	Charles L. Fuller.
MOUNT TABOR	East Boston	J. H. S. Pearson.
MOUNT TOM	Holyoke	Albert G. Magna.
MOUNT VERNON	Malden	Alfred Tonks.
MOUNT ZION	Barre	Henry B. Sibley.
MYSTIC	Pittsfield	John F. VanDeusen.
NEWTON	Wilbraham	Joseph A. Parker.
NORFOLK	Needham	John T. Abbott.
NORFOLK UNION	Randolph	John H. Field.
NORTH STAR	Ashland	William F. Merritt.
OCCIDENTAL	Stockbridge	Henry J. Dunham.
OLD COLONY	Hingham	William H. Thomas.
OLIVE BRANCH	Millbury	Pliny W. Wood.
ORANGE	Orange	Charles I. Kellogg.
ORIENT	Norwood	Nathaniel N. Sumner.
ORIENTAL	Edgartown	Tristram R. Holley.
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OXFORD	Oxford	George H. Baker.
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PAUL REVERE	Brockton	Alfred C. Munroe.
PENTUCKET	Lowell	Benjamin S. Ireson.
PEQUOSSETTE	Watertown	Charles T. Perkins.
PHILANTHROPIC	Marblehead	Step'n P. Hathaway, Jr.

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PHENIX . . .	Hanover . . .	Thomas B. Waterman.
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REVERE]. . . .	Boston . . .	William W. Baker.
RISING STAR . . .	Stoughton . . .	Leonard A. Thayer.
ROBERT LASH . . .	Chelsea . . .	Rufus S. Owen.
ROSWELL LEE . . .	Springfield . . .	George F. Adams.
RURAL . . .	Quincy . . .	Charles H. Porter.
SAGGAHEW . . .	Haverhill . . .	Henry Halsall.
SAINT ALBAN'S . .	Foxborough . . .	William W. Turner.
SAINT ANDREW'S . .	Boston . . .	William F. Davis.
SAINT BERNARD . .	Southborough . . .	Francis D. Austin.
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SAINT JOHN'S . . .	Boston . . .	James W. Allen.
SAINT JOHN'S . . .	Newburyport . . .	Samuel Brookings, Jr.
SAINT MARK'S . . .	Newburyport . . .	Sylvester B. Carter.
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SAINT PAUL . . .	Ayer . . .	Edmund D. Bancroft.
SAINT PAUL'S . . .	South Boston . . .	Horace Smith.
SILAM . . .	Westborough . . .	George J. Jackson.
SIMON W. ROBINSON	Lexington . . .	Henry M. Reed.
SOCIAL HARMONY . .	Wareham . . .	Charles H. Dunham.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE .	Uxbridge . . .	Henry S. Morse.
SPENCER . . .	Spencer . . .	Reuben D. Prouty.
STAR . . .	Athol . . .	Nathaniel Richardson.
STAR IN THE EAST .	New Bedford . . .	James C. Hitch.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	Chelsea . . .	Lyman M. Miller.
STARR KING . . .	Salem . . .	Wm. H. Simonds, Jr.
TEMPLE . . .	East Boston . . .	Horace B. Butler.
THOMAS . . .	Palmer . . .	Cyrus W. Cross.
TRINITY . . .	Clinton . . .	Henry N. Otterson.

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TYRIAN	Gloucester	Addison Center.
UNION	Nantucket	Charles P. Swain.
UNION	Dorchester	Robert T. Swan.
UNITED BRETHREN .	Marlborough	Benjamin F. Underhill.
UPTON	Cheshire	John R. Cole.
VERNON	Belchertown	Edwin B. Bridgman.
WARREN	Amesbury	David L. Davoll.
WASHINGTON . . .	Boston Highlands . . .	George F. Davis.
WEBSTER	Webster	Edward F. Smith.
WILDER	Leominster	George F. Morse.
WILLIAM NORTH .	Lowell	Theodore Adams.
WILLIAM PARKMAN	Winchester	Leone S. Quimby.
WILLIAM SUTTON .	Saugus	Benjamin F. Calley.
WILLIAMS	Williamstown	Merritt B. Walley.
WINSLOW LEWIS .	Boston	Alonzo P. Jones.
WISDOM	West Stockbridge . . .	Franklin A. Woodruff.
WYOMING	Melrose	George C. Stantial.
ZETLAND	Boston	Hammond Vinton.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE, MARCH 8, 1777.

Note. — The year given denotes the time of installation, which, with very few exceptions, was on or near St. John's Day, Dec. 27; so that the year of official service is the one following that given in the text.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Joseph Webb, 1777-81, 1784-86	*Elijah Crane, 1832.
*John Warren, 1782, 83, 1787.	*Joshua B. Flint, 1834-36.
*Moses M. Hays, 1788-91.	*Rev. Paul Dean, 1837-39.
*John Cutler, 1792, 93.	*Caleb Butler, 1840, 41.
*Paul Revere, 1794-96.	*Augustus Peabody, 1842-44.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1797, 98, 1809.	*Simon W. Robinson, 1845-47.
*Samuel Dunn, 1799-1801.	*Edward A. Raymond, 1848-50.
*Isaiah Thomas, 1802-1804, 1808.	*Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1851-53.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1805-7, 1810-1812.	*Winslow Lewis, 1854, 55, 1859.
*Benjamin Russell, 1813-15.	John T. Heard, 1856-58.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1816-18.	William D. Coolidge, 1860, 61.
*Samuel P. P. Fay, 1819.	William Parkman, 1862-64.
*John Dixwell, 1820-22.	Charles C. Dame, 1865-67.
*John Abbot, 1823-25, 1833.	William S. Gardner, 1868-70.
*John Soley, 1826-28.	Sereno D. Nickerson, 1871-73.
*Joseph Jenkins, 1829-31.	*Charles W. Moore, 1873. ¶
	Percival L. Everett, 1874-

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

*Moses Desbon, 1777, 78.	*William Scollay, 1794, 95.
*Samuel Barrett, 1779-81.	*Samuel Dunn, 1796-98.
*Paul Revere, 1782-84, 1790, 91.	*Joseph Laughton, 1799-1801.
*John Lowell, 1785-87, 1792.	*Simon Elliot, 1802-7.
*Perez Morton, 1788, 89.	*John Boyle, 1808, 9.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1793.	*Samuel Bradford, 1810.

¶ Elected Honorary Past Grand Master, Dec. 10, 1873.

- *Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1811.
- *Francis J. Oliver, 1812-15.
- *John Dixwell, 1816, 17.
- *Samuel P. P. Fay, 1818.
- *Rev. Asa Eaton, 1819.
- *John Abbot, 1820-22.
- *Caleb Butler, 1823-25.
- *John Bartlett, 1826-28.
- *Elijah Morse, 1829.
- *William Hilliard, 1830.
- *David Wilder, 1831.
- Abraham A. Dame, 1832, 33.
- *Rev. Paul Dean, 1834-36.
- George G. Smith, 1837-39.
- *Simon W. Robinson, 1840-42.
- *John B. Hammatt, 1843.
- Rev. E. M. P. Wells, 1844.
- *Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1845-47.
- *Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1848-50.
- Rev. Lucius R. Paige, 1851-53.
- Abraham T. Lowe, 1854, 55.
- *†Rev. William Flint, 1856-58.
- Charles R. Train, 1859.
- J. V. C. Smith, 1859.
- G. Washington Warren, 1860.
- Marshall P. Wilder, 1861.
- Charles C. Dame, 1862-64.
- Sereno D. Nickerson, 1865.
- *Newell A. Thompson, 1866.
- *Charles W. Moore, 1867.
- Charles Levi Woodbury, 1868-70.
- Percival L. Everett, 1871-73.
- Charles A. Welch, 1874-

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

- *Samuel Barrrtt, 1777, 78.
- *Paul Revere, 1779-82.
- *Perez Morton, 1783, 84.
- *John Juteau, 1785, 1789.
- *Josiah Bartlett, 1786, 1788, 1791, 1792.
- *Timothy Whiting, 1787.
- *Thomas Edwards, 1790.
- *Mungo Mackay, 1793.
- *Isaiah Thomas, 1794-96.
- *Joseph Laughton, 1797, 98.
- *John Boyle, 1799-1801.
- *Isaac Hurd, 1802.
- *Timothy Bigelow, 1803, 1804.
- *John Soley, 1805, 1806.
- *Shubael Bell, 1807.
- *Henry Fowle, 1808.
- *Francis J. Oliver, 1809-11.
- *Benjamin Russell, 1812.
- *John Abbot, 1813.
- *John B. Hammatt, 1814, 15.
- *Augustus Peabody, 1816.
- *Caleb Butler, 1817, 18.
- *Andrew Sigourney, 1819.
- *Thomas Cole, 1820, 21.
- *Elijah Crane, 1822.
- *Samuel Thaxter, 1823-25.
- *John Keys, 1826, 27.
- *Seth Sprague, Jr., 1828.
- Abraham A. Dame, 1829-31.
- *William J. Whipple, 1832.
- *Elias Haskell, 1833-35.
- *Benjamin B. Appleton, 1836.
- *Simon W. Robinson, 1837-39.
- *Thomas Tolman, 1840-42.
- *Robert Lash, 1843.
- *Robert Keith, 1844.
- *Edward A. Raymond, 1845-47.
- *John J. Loring, 1848.
- *Thomas M. Vinson, 1849, 50.
- *William Ferson, 1851.
- Daniel Harwood, 1852.
- *Richard S. Spofford, 1853.
- William C. Plunkett, 1854.
- John T. Heard, 1855.
- Bradford L. Wales, 1856.

Henry Goddard, 1857.
 Lorenzo H. Gamwell, 1858.
 Joel Spalding, 1859.
 *William North, 1860.
 Henry Chickering, 1861.
 *†William C. Martin, 1862.
 William W. Baker, 1862.
 William S. Gardner, 1863.
 Wendell T. Davis, 1864.
 William Sutton, 1865.

Samuel P. Oliver, 1866.
 William F. Salmon, 1867.
 *Ithamar F. Conkey, 1868.
 Samuel C. Lawrence, 1869.
 David W. Crafts, 1870.
 Charles Kimball, 1871.
 Henry Endicott, 1872.
 William T. Grammer, 1873.
 William J. Sawin, 1874.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Paul Revere, 1777, 78.
 *Thomas Crafts, 1779.
 *James Jackson, 1780.
 *Edward Proctor, 1781.
 *James Carter, 1782.
 *John Juteau, 1783, 84.
 *Moses M. Hays, 1785.
 *Thomas Edwards, 1786, 87.
 *Elisha Porter, 1788.
 *Aaron Dexter, 1789-91.
 *Mungo Mackay, 1792.
 *Samuel Parkman, 1793.
 *Richard Salter, 1794.
 *Joseph Laughton, 1795, 96.
 *William Little, 1797.
 *John Boyle, 1798.
 *Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1799.
 *Isaac Hurd, 1800, 1801.
 *Timothy Bigelow, 1802.
 *John Soley, 1803, 1804.
 *Shubael Bell, 1805, 1806.
 *Henry Fowle, 1807.
 *Francis J. Oliver, 1808.
 *Oliver Prescott, 1809.
 *Benjamin Russell, 1810, 11.
 *John Abbott, 1812.
 *John B. Hammatt, 1813.
 *Joseph Baker, 1814, 15.

*Ralph H. French, 1816.
 *James C. King, 1817.
 *Joseph Jenkins, 1818.
 *Thomas Cole, 1819.
 *Elijah Crane, 1820, 21.
 *Samuel Thaxter, 1822.
 *John Keys, 1823-25.
 *John Mills, 1826.
 *Henry Purkitt, 1827.
 Abraham A. Dame, 1828.
 *William J. Whipple, 1829-31.
 *James A. Dickson, 1832.
 *Benjamin B. Appleton, 1833-35.
 *Simon W. Robinson, 1836.
 *C. Gayton Pickman, 1837-39.
 *Winslow Lewis, Sen., 1840-42.
 *Thomas Power, 1843.
 *John Hews, 1844.
 *John R. Bradford, 1845-47.
 *Thomas N. Vinson, 1848.
 *†Asa T. Newhall, 1848-50.
 *William Eaton, 1851.
 *John Flint, 1851.
 *Rev. Benjamin Huntoon, 1852.
 Jonas A. Marshall, 1853.
 Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1854.
 Charles R. Train, 1855.
 *John H. Shepard, 1856.

Isaac H. Wright, 1857.
 *Charles Robbins, 1858.
 William D. Coolidge, 1859.
 *Jesse P. Pattee, 1860
 Peter C. Jones, 1861.
 Daniel Reynolds, 1862.
 Benjamin Dean, 1863.
 1864. ¶
 Wyzeman Marshall, 1865.

Henry Mulliken, 1866.
George H. Taber, 1867
Ivory H. Pope, 1868.
Richard Briggs, 1869.
Elijah W. Burr, 1870.
Tracy P. Cheever, 1871.
Joseph K. Baker, 1872.
Charles G. Reed, 1873.
Lucius W. Lovell, 1874.

GRAND TREASURERS.

SINCE THE INDEPENDENCE IN 1777 (not permanent members *ex officio*).

- *John Lowell, 1777-1783.
- *William Scollay, 1784-1786.
- *Aaron Dexter, 1787, 1788.
- *William Little, 1789-1791.
- *Samuel Parkman, 1792, 1793.
- *William Little, 1794-1796.
- *Thomas Dennie, 1797.

*Allen Crocker, 1798-1808.
 *†Andrew Sigourney, 1809-1819.
 *Elijah Morse, 1820-1825.
 *John J. Loring, 1826-1847.
 *Thomas Tolman, 1848-1860.
 John McClellan, 1861-

RECORDING GRAND SECRETARIES.

SINCE THE INDEPENDENCE IN 1777 (not permanent members *ex officio*).

- *Nathaniel Pierce, 1777.
- *William Hoskins, 1778-80.
- *Benjamin Coolidge, 1781-84.
- *John Welch, Jr., 1785.
- *George Richards, 1786.
- *Gabriel Helme, 1787.
- *John Jackson, 1788, 89.
- *Joseph Laughton, 1790, 91.
- *Thomas Farrington, 1792.

- *Samuel Colesworthy, 1793.
- *Daniel Oliver, 1794-1801.
- *John Proctor, 180210.
- *John Soley, 1811-18.
- *Thomas Power, 1819-82.
- *Charles W. Moore, 1833-66.
- †Solon Thornton, 1867-71.
- §Charles H. Titus, 1871-

* Deceased.

† Resigned April 8, 1871.

† Deceased while in office.

§ Elected June 14, 1871.

† This name was stricken from the roll by a vote of Grand Lodge, June 11, 1873.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR 1876.

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R.W. HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, Pittsfield,	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 9.
R.W. JOHN E. SHIPMAN, Springfield, .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, Worcester,	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES, Millbury, . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. GEORGE L. RHOADS, Norwood, . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART, Fall River,	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
R.W. JOHN W. ATWOOD, Provincetown,	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
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R.W. THEODORE N. FOQUE, Malden, . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
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